



# Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday September 28, 2022

**Time:** 5:09 to 6:05 pm

**Location (Hybrid):** Yolo County RCD Office, 221 Court Street, Suite 1, Woodland CA

**Directors Present:** Anya Perron-Burdick, Eric Willson

**Directors Absent:** Mark Cady (President), Mike Turkovich (Vice President), Miranda Driver, Jake Campos

**Others Present:** Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan, Lani Fulcher, Conor Higgins, Doug Freitas, Jude Veress, Julie Veress, Grace Ferguson, Alli Permann, David Kelly, Tanya Meyer.

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm by Eric Willson, Board member, and introductions were made. There was not a quorum of Board members present; action items were moved to the Special meeting on Thursday, September 29 at 4:00 pm.
2. **\*\*Approval to Restate Resolution 2021-01:**  
No action was taken.
3. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** No action was taken.
4. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes:** No action was taken.
5. **Public Comment:** This is time reserved for the public to address the RCD Board on matters not on the agenda (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)). There was no public comment.
6. **Special Presentation:** Jude Veress presented about his experience as a participant in Range Camp 2022.
7. **Ratify/Approve Expenditures (List of Checks) and Wire Transfer of Funds.** No action was taken.
8. **Regular Reports:**
  - a. **NRCS District Conservationist's Report:** Mr. Hogan reported that the total number of contracts this fiscal year is 37, up substantially from last year. He hopes for 50 next year. He reported that NRCS staff have had various meetings with a landowner regarding a drip system in a new almond orchard. Field staff met with the NRCS Chief and the State Conservationist to discuss what NRCS is doing right and what can be improved. His goal to get more field staff reports in his report. At the monthly meeting with all NRCS staff in California, Chief Terry Cosby presented Mr. Hogan with a NRCS medallion for his retirement coming up at the end of this year. December 31, 2022.

b. RCD Executive Director's Report: Ms. Nichols noted the month has been heavily focused on Arundo treatment and starting the Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) project. For the PBA project, a trailer and truck will be purchased, staff will be trained, and a demonstration burn will hopefully begin in late winter or early spring. Until then, there is much discussion about the details—access, landowner permission, habitat protection, etc. The project with Audubon California at River Garden Farms has been delayed; Ms. Nichols and Ms. Meyer will be at the WCB meeting to testify on behalf of judicious herbicide use in projects and conservation work. Future potential projects include carbon farm plan implementation with City of Davis, North Regional Pond project with City of Woodland, possibly administering an agricultural easement with Yolo Land Trust, and a regional ag conservation planning proposal. RCD welcomed Zach Skalak, a new GrizzlyCorps Fellow who will be working primarily on habitat restoration projects. Joaquin Pastrana will be serving a second year as a Fellow. Sue is planning to be semi-retired at the end of the year; she and Lani are working to transition the payroll and QuickBooks responsibilities in the next few months.

i. Monthly financial report: Ms. Nichols reported that the end of year report is not quite ready.

c. Board member reports and comments: There were no reports or comments.

**9. New Business:** No action was taken.

a. \*\*Approve reduction in budget for CW13 City of Woodland Storz Pond 2021 for inclusion in Annual Budget for FY2022-23 for -\$9,769.00:

b. \*\*Approve reduction in budget for CW14 City of Woodland East Regional Pond 2020 for inclusion in Annual Budget for FY2022-23 for -\$8,612.00:

c. \*\*Approve new cost center CW15: City of Woodland Storz Pond 2022-2023 for inclusion in Annual Budget for FY2022-23 for \$9,900.00:

d. \*\*Approve new cost center CW16: City of Woodland East Regional Pond for inclusion in Annual Budget for FY2022-23 for \$12,600.00:

e. \*\*Approve new cost center PM01: Center for Land-based Learning Maples Project for inclusion in Annual Budget for FY2022-23 for \$20,000.00:

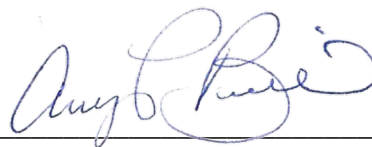
f. \*\*Approve Retention and Disposal of Equipment and Vehicles Policy:

g. \*\*Declaration of Surplus of 2001 Ford F150 Truck:

**10. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 5:05pm (hybrid).

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:** Anya Perron-Burdick, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on October 19, 2022 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:



Secretary, Anya Perron-Burdick