



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday April 20, 2022

Time: 5:15 pm- 7:11 pm

Location: Yolo County RCD Office, 221 West Court Street, Suite 1, Woodland, CA 95695

Directors Present: Mark Cady (President), Mike Turkovich (Vice-president), Eric Willson

Directors Absent: Anya Perron-Burdick, Miranda Driver

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan, Greg Pelaez, Leslie Eisenhart

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by President Cady. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the agenda as presented; MOTION: Mr. Turkovich; SECOND: Mark Cady (President) AYES: Unanimous (Turkovich, Willson). Approve the minutes of the March 16th meeting with the date amended; MOTION: Mr. Turkovich, SECOND: Mark Cady (President) AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Willson).
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Ratify/Approve Expenditures (List of Checks) and Wire Transfer of Funds.** Mr. Turkovich has reviewed expenditures; ACTION: Ratify/approve expenditures as presented; MOTION: Mr. Turkovich; SECOND: Mark Cady (President) AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Willson).
5. **Special Presentation:** Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021: Leslie Eisenhart, CPA with Perry, Bunch & Johnston, Inc., presented the final draft of our annual audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. She noted and discussed changes to the audit including changing “Summary of Statement of Net Position” on page 5 to “Summary of Statement of Activities”; Change dates on page 19 for payout schedule from 2021-2024 to 2022-2025; and add date on the note 6 section.
6. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. NRCS District Conservationist’s Report: Mr. Hogan reported that in the last month he attended a climate resilience webinar, ranked contracts, certified practices like rangeland management and hedgerows, and participated in a Sac Valley community meeting. New biologist on staff Shayla Ramos started recently, has a long commute currently but looks very promising. Staffing model meeting. Farm call with Rebecca Robinson to discuss EQIP contract for an irrigation system.
 - b. RCD Executive Director’s Report: Ms. Nichols reported that the Sutter-Yolo Mobile Irrigation Lab grant proposal to CDFA was awarded. Advertising for Mobile Lab Manager will begin soon. Candidates that are fluent in Spanish will be prioritized. The RCD conference room will be converted into two new office spaces. Unfortunately for the RCD, our Office Manager Maria Meza will be taking a position with the County Sheriff’s office. We are sad to see her go, but it a great opportunity for her. She will be continuing to work for us at a limited capacity on critical tasks, recruitment and onboarding her replacement. Department of Conservation’s Regional Forest and Fire Capacity program is now active. The spring staff retreat will take place this Friday, April 22nd. We will be revisiting old restoration sites. Board Directors are welcome to attend.

i. Financial Report: Ms. Nichols reviewed the financial reports.

c. Board member reports and comments: None.

7. New Business:

a. **Approve Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021: MOTION: Mr. Turkovich; SECOND: Mark Cady (President) AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Willson).

b. Review Draft Annual Budget and Proposed Billable Rate: Ms. Nichols review the draft annual budget and proposed billable rate with the board.

8. Discussion: Overview of California Association of RCD's current effort to update and modernize Division 9 of the California Public Resource Code, and their request for Yolo County RCD's support. Ms. Nichols described this as a capacity-building bill that CARCD has been working on for several years. The board discussed forming an ad hoc committee to review the materials and bring a recommendation back to the May meeting. Mr. Cady agreed to serve on the committee and requested that Ms. Nichols reach out to Board Director Ms. Perron-Burdick as well and to set up a meeting.

9. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:05pm at the Yolo County RCD Office.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Anya Perron-Burdick, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on May 18, 2022 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By: *Anya Perron-Burdick* 05/10/2022
Board Secretary, Anya Perron-Burdick