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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026 **Time:** 5:05 PM
Location: 221 West Court Street, Suite 1, Woodland, CA 95695

Directors present: Eric Willson (Vice-President), Anya Perron-Burdick (Secretary Treasurer), Miranda Driver (via Zoom), Mark Cady (Board President via Zoom at 5:20), Dan Bonetti (Assoc. Director)
Directors Absent: Jake Campos
Others Present: RCD: Heather Nichols, Jeanette Wrysinski, Conor Higgins (through Item 4), Kate Reza (via Zoom)

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions.** Vice President Willson called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

2. **Approve Agenda and Business Meeting Minutes.** (Gov. Code 54954.2(B))
ACTION: Approve tonight's agenda with a change in the wording of Item 7b to say "Condition" rather than "Conditional" and approve the minutes from the July 20 regular business meeting; MOTION: Perron-Burdick, SECOND: Driver; AYES: Unanimous (Willson, Perron-Burdick, Driver).

3. **Public Comment.** There were no comments from the public.

4. **Staff Presentation.** Mr. Higgins provided an overview of the block grant proposal submitted to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Healthy Soils Program (HSP) for practices beneficial to soil health. If successful, the RCD will administer the program for Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Solano, Sacramento and Yolo Counties. This funding, under the Prop 4 Climate Bond, has requirements to serve Disadvantaged, Socially Disadvantaged, and Severely Disadvantaged Communities. Grant awards will be made this fall. The CDFA application for State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) funds was unsuccessful.

5. **Ratify/Approve Expenditures (List of Checks) and Wire Transfer of Funds:** Ms. Nichols reported that there is no wire transfer of funds needed. ACTION: Ratify total expenditures of $47,428.33; pre-approve expenditures of $26,757.75 and a wire transfer of $0.00. MOTION: Perron-Burdick; SECOND: Driver; AYES: Unanimous (Willson, Perron-Burdick, Driver, Cady).

6. **Regular Reports:**
   a. Executive Director's Report. Ms. Nichols referred to her written report and highlighted the following items: Brandon Baker, RCD Restoration Field Lead, was deployed for ten days to the Gann Fire in Calaveras County as part of a Strike Team and reported to staff about his experiences. He was left with a strong impression that homes having "defensible space" around them made it possible to save them, whereas others were difficult or impossible to save. The RCD will have several months of California Conservation Corps field crews this season, raising our capacity to do larger scale work. She and several staff members have conducted severable site visits with Cobram Olive Oil Estates in Hungry Hollow, along with other County and water-related officials and are in conversation about an agreement for on-the-ground work. We are waiting to hear about funding from the Tribe for the Yolo Creek and Community Partnership (YCCP) program this year. The

Weed Management Area has a new project manager – Marcela Cathcart. Tanya Meyer presented at the California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot's Speaker Series on our Wildfire Resilience Program and the Weed Management Area. The RCD is working on getting a grazing cooperative going for fire fuels management. Ms. Reza has been working on multiple grant proposals.

b. Financial Report. Ms. Nichols reported for Ms. Talbott. All financial activities are usual and normal and the RCD is fine for cashflow. We will not have a complete financial report until the County finally closes; they are short on staff.
c. Board member reports and comments. There were no reports from the Board.

7. **New Business:**
   a. ACTION: Ratify RCD Board support letter for HSP application.; MOTION: Perron-Burdick; SECOND: Driver; AYES: Unanimous (Willson, Perron-Burdick, Driver, Cady).
   b. ACTION: Approve update to Emergency Condition Leave policy to include staff who serve as volunteer fire fighters or Strike Team members on wildfires; MOTION: Perron-Burdick; SECOND: Driver; AYES: Unanimous (Willson, Perron-Burdick, Driver, Cady).

8. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 5:05 at the Yolo County RCD Office, 221 West Court St. Ste. 1, Woodland, CA.

9. **Regular Meeting Adjourned.** Mr. Willson adjourned the meeting at 6:19 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Anya Perron-Burdick, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on September 17, 2026 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By: _____ Date 10/15/26 **Secretary, Anya Perron-Burdick**