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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, September 17 2026 **Time:** 5:05 PM
Location: 221 West Court Street, Suite 1, Woodland, CA 95695

Directors present: Eric Willson (Vice-President), Dan Bonetti (Assoc. Director), Miranda Driver, Mark Cady (Board President via Zoom)
Directors Absent: Anya Perron-Burdick (Secretary Treasurer), Jake Campos
Others Present: RCD: Heather Nichols, Matt Toney (through Item 4), Kate Reza (via Zoom); Public: Michael Miller

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions.** Vice President Willson called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

2. **Approve Agenda and Business Meeting Minutes.** (Gov. Code 54954.2(B))
ACTION: Approve tonight's agenda with amendment to add an emergency budget item to this year's budget and approve the minutes from the August 20th regular business meeting; MOTION: Driver, SECOND: Cady; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Willson, Driver).

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

4. **Staff Presentation.** Mr. Toney provided an overview of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. He outlined that the YBWA is a floodplain for the Central Valley Project. The YBWA opened in 1997 and is currently over 16K acres. It is established for wildlife and habitat management, public recreation, and education. Yolo Basin Foundation conducts the educational component. YCRCD assists with agricultural lease management and the 6 duck club contracts. Discussion of Big Notch Project.

5. **Ratify/Approve Expenditures (List of Checks) and Wire Transfer of Funds:** ACTION: Ratify total expenditures of $24,346.96; pre-approve expenditures of $83,401.20 and a wire transfer of $54,641.21. MOTION: Driver; SECOND: Cady; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Willson, Driver).

6. **Regular Reports:**
   a. Executive Director's Report. Ms. Nichols referred to her written report and highlighted the following items: Lengthy staff report, leaving most to the Directors to read. Highlight: working on integrating how we are working towards implementing the strategic plan into this report. The main focus of the Leadership Team this year: 1. programmatic CEQA environmental and cultural compliance; 2. RCD-wide GIS project tracking database; 3. Standard Operating Procedures. Without the YCCP funding from the Tribe, there's the potential for a $90K hole in our budget. We are working on obtaining funding to cover that.
   b. Financial Report. Ms. Talbott stated that we are strong in cash and our restricted capital asset account is nearly $120K, which is encouraging. AP is paid down with little on the credit card for next month. Actual cash balance is good. Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual is close, but there are a few anomalies, which Ms. Talbott reviewed. The County hasn't closed the books for June yet, but she does not anticipate any big changes. Audit date tentatively booked for 11/2/26.
   c. Board member reports and comments. Mr. Willson said he hosted California Farm Bureau

representatives, and they asked about sustainability, and Mr. Willson was able to point to onsite hedgerows to respond. Mr. Bonetti is going on a Cache Creek watershed tour with the Cache Creek Conservancy tomorrow.

7. **New Business:**
   Emergency Action Item: Project PT09 Yocha Dehe Fuel Reduction and Habitat Restoration project to add to our budget or it would result in a work stoppage; $30,866.
   MOTION: Add PT09, Yocha Dehe Fuel Reduction and Habitat Restoration project; remove PT08, Yolo Creek and Community Partnership; remove SF07, YBWA Ag Leases from FY 26-27 YCRCD budget: Driver; SECOND: Cady AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Willson, Driver).

8. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday, October 15, 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 6:51PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Anya Perron-Burdick, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on October 15, 2026 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

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