



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday October 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:04 pm by Dave Barhydt
Directors present: Linda Miller, Dave Barhydt, Patti Kiehl
Associate Directors present: Darlene Moberg
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler
Guests: Janeth Marroletti, GCCS; Sharon Nance, NRCS
2. **Introductions:** Janeth Marroletti, Executive Director with Gold Country Community Services
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Linda Miller moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Patti Kiehl. Approved 3-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comments.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** No comments.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Education/Outreach/Scholarship Committee:** The Education Committee met to discuss the types of scholarships we want to offer, how many to offer, how much to offer, and requirements. They decided to offer up to \$4,000 in one-time scholarships. Scholarship awards may be used for community colleges, tech or trade schools, or 4-year colleges. Recipients are allowed to reapply for the same amount they received for up to three years. The committee will discuss the number of scholarships offered and dispersal of funds based on applications. Linda Melugin is the new Administrator for scholarships at NJUHSD.
8. **Forestry Committee:** Patti Kiehl mentioned that she Kate Wilkin and Maddison Easley with Placer RCD are putting together a tour of the prescribed burns currently going on in Foresthill as well as possibly viewing a live prescribed burn. Hoping to take place sometime in October.

A new study from UC Davis finds forests are changing dramatically due to catastrophic fire areas coming back as shrubs, not forest. Because there are no parent trees left, the forests aren't being reseeded. So, unless human's go in and replant, there are no trees. This is a huge concern because it's not the same type of ecosystem at all.
9. **Grassland Committee:** Winter grass has started, but the effect can be different in different areas depending on terrain and soil type. Hoping for more rain soon.

10. **NCRCD Activity Report:** A full written report was included in the Board packet.

To gain perspective on how Farm Day works in other counties, the Board President and staff attended the Yuba/Sutter Farm Day at the Yuba County fairgrounds. Their Farm Day is much larger than ours. They had 53 stations and approximately 2,000 students attending. There was no schedule. As each class arrived, they were given a map of all the stations and little backpacks for each student. FFA students were onsite but didn't seem to be assigned anywhere or to any one class. They had the Sheriff's office, fire departments, Search and Rescue and others as exhibitors. Lots of large tractor equipment and even a helicopter. We'll discuss possible changes at the next Nevada County Ag in the Classroom meeting.

We received a letter from LAFCo regarding the Proposed Annexation to Nevada Irrigation District (NID) - East Bennett Road project.

Patrick Eidman sent an email looking for help finding a solution for removing manure and bedding leftover from the Fair and the Draft Horse Classic. Ideas were explored beyond transporting to Waste Management.

The planned Prescribed Burn in Condon Park that was tentatively set for this winter is on hold. The GV City Manager has concerns regarding the cost to move forward with the project, as planned by the RCD, as well as the public's concern, criticism, and perception of the project. Various ways of mitigating the stumbling-block issues were discussed. Waiting to hear back from the City Manager.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** A full written report was available. DC Pamela Hertzler discussed the day's area visit from State Conservationist, Carlos Suarez and talked about an upcoming meet and greet event on October 28th at the Gold Miners Inn 5-6 pm, Grass Valley. Invitations were passed around.

October 18th, Jessa Kay Cruz with Xerces Society will be presenting a course on using the Pollinator Assessment Guide for Rangeland. Dave and Laura Barhydt will be hosting the afternoon event at their McCourtney Road property.

NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Sharon Nance mentioned the Student Pathways openings with NRCS on USA Jobs - sharing an important opportunity to students and job seekers looking for unique opportunities with the USDA.

12. **Old Business:**

A. Gold Country Community Services to explain the services they offer to the community: Janeth Maroletti introduced herself as the new Executive Director for Gold Country Community Services and explained their services, needs, and future goals. They need volunteers, equipment, and new infrastructure to reach those in need. She could use some support at the next Board of Supervisor's meeting on November 12th as she introduces herself and gives them an update on our senior citizens' needs.

Board members will consider ways the RCD and/or the community could better help GCCS. The Board would like one of the Senior (top) volunteers to attend the next meeting to give us better insight into their needs. The volunteers may already have ideas we can help with.

Sharon Nance offered the idea that our churches may be willing to offer their vans/trucks one day a week to help deliver wood to area seniors. They do this in other areas for "Meals on Wheels" programs.

13. **New Business:**

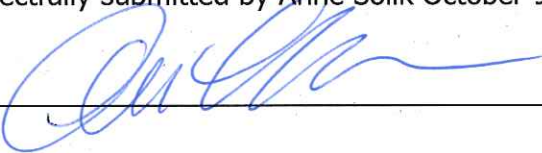
A. Board and staff to view video of how to use NRCS's new Automated External Defibrillator (AED): Brief discussion and agreement to postpone to November meeting when all Board members are available.

B. Board discussion and possible action regarding revising and printing "Invasive Weeds of Western Nevada County" booklet: Discussion regarding whether or not to have printed, illustrated, and spiral bound copies made or to have a web-only type of guide. The cost estimate included in the Board's packet was for the licensing rights of the illustrations only – not the printing of the booklets. The Nevada County Ag Commissioner thinks it's a good idea and informed Dave Barhydt that the County may have money to put towards a printed version of the booklet. The Board agreed to pursue cost-share possibilities from Ag Commissioner and present quotes at next meeting.

14. **Announcements:** Next board meeting – November 12, 2019.

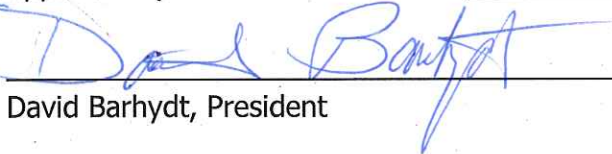
Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik October 9, 2019.



Approved by Board of Directors on _____

10/9/19



David Barhydt, President

