



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday June 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:06 pm by President Robert Ingram
Directors present: Jim Drew, Robert Ingram, David Barhydt
Associate Directors present: Darlene Moberg, Maddison Easley
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson
2. **Introductions:** No introductions were made.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Jim Drew moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Dave Barhydt, Approved 3-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comments
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** There are extra articles on the table, as well as public comment for Grand Jury Letter that will be discussed later.
6. **President's Report:** Robert commented that Jan Blake did a great job with Lions Lake. Project completed at the cost of \$150,000 as quoted. They didn't excavate as much but added rock to other areas. The spring is healthy and flowing into the lake.

He also mentioned the Grand jury letter regarding unfunded pension liabilities and pension funds for special district employees and said that we need to look into having funds allocated for pension possibly re-directed to the employees' personal retirement accounts. Recommendation for last three years of audits posted to the website was easy enough to go ahead and post. We will draft a response to the report and review at next meeting.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** Jim drew asked if we have considered offering scholarships. Sabrina said that the Board had discussed at one time, but was told that they couldn't. She will research and reply to the Board.
8. **Forestry Committee:** No report.
9. **Grassland Committee:** Dave Barhydt attended a workshop on "California's 2030 Natural and Working Lands Climate Change Implementation". One of the directives is to, "Maintain lands as a resilient carbon sink – achieve net zero or negative greenhouse gas emissions".

Targets for rangelands/cultivated lands are: soils conservation, rangeland compost application, and prescribed grazing practices. Possible incentives for farmers/ranchers to participate.

10. NCRCD Activity Report:

Sabrina attended a biochar workshop in Winters, CA. She learned about the different types of biochar and how it may benefit rangeland and improve hydrophobic soils.

She also met with Jeremy James from SFREC who is working with UC Davis on a biochar composting on rangelands study. He is looking for local ranchers to participate in the study. Sabrina and Anne have been invited to tour the SFREC facility.

The RCD and Laura Barhydt are working together with the Master Gardeners of Nevada County on a milkweed pollinator habitat workshop Saturday, September 8th. RCD will provide lunch. There will be multiple speakers including Jack Rice from the California Farm Bureau Federation who will talk about the effects of the Monarch's potential listing and Bonnie Bradt (Master Gardeners) has been contacted to speak, as well as provide milkweed starts to the workshop participants. We're also hoping to partner with her on Master Gardeners' plant sale events instead of our annual plant/seedling giveaway.

11. NRCS Activity Report: A written report was provided to the Board at the meeting. NRCS is coming up on their 3rd batching period deadline Friday, June 15th. They currently have 18 applications: 1 Pasture, 1 Range, and 16 Forest applications. They are also having an Area Office Quality Assurance and Civil Rights review this month. Pam Hertzler will also be acting District Conservationist for the Placer County NRCS office while the DC in Auburn is on leave. Pam will be going back and forth between offices as needed. Central Sierra CARCD meeting in San Andreas tomorrow Thursday, June 14th. Pam, Sabrina, and Maddison Easley will attend.

12. Old Business:

a. **Update on Lions Lake Project:** Staff mailed 150 solicitation letters to local businesses and organizations to partner on Phase II of the Lions Lake Improvement Project.

13. New Business:

a. **Board discussion and approval of NCFB's Farm to Fork Dinner sponsorship:** Motion to discuss a per-person sponsorship or a table of 8 charge. ***Jim Drew moved to approve purchase of individual seats not to exceed \$1,200. Seconded by Dave Barhydt. Approved 3-0.***

b. **Board discussion and approval of NCRCD's 2018/2019 Budget:** Board discussed and recommended the budget be amended: delete accounting code 4305 (Merchandise Sales); change 5212.5 Merchandise Purchases to 5212.5 Promotional Items and budget \$1,000. ***Jim Drew moved to approved the 2018/2019 Budget with recommended changes. Second by Dave Barhydt. Approved 3-0.***

14. **Announcements:** Bat seminar coming up Thursday, June 21, 6 pm; Farm to Fork Dinner July 22nd. Next Board meeting July 10th.

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik June 13, 2018.



Approved by Board of Directors on 7-10-18



Robert Ingram, President