



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday July 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:00 pm by President Robert Ingram
Directors present: Jim Drew, Robert Ingram, Linda Miller
Associate Directors present: Maddison Easley
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Jan Blake
2. **Introductions:** No introductions were made.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Jim Drew moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Linda Miller 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.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** Linda Miller commented that she was very excited about the letter from one of the Range Camp participants (Lydia); how much it meant to her and the influence in her career.
8. **Forestry Committee:** No report.
9. **Grassland Committee:** No report
10. **NCRCD Activity Report:**
Staff welcomed Linda Miller to the board as a new Board Director. New fiscal year signatures on documents for signature authority need to be collected from Jim Drew and Robert Ingram.
The financials reflected the new purchase of tires for the District vehicle and presented the bill for inspection.
Staff asked if anyone on the Board would like to make changes to the *Conflict of Interest Code*. The board did not present any changes.
Staff offered the following potential topics for new projects:

1. AIR CURTAIN BURNER – Two kinds are available, one for the transfer station (~\$150,000) or a mobile one (~\$92,000), neither will handle pine needles in bulk. Staff would like to make a field trip with Robert and Patti to see one in operation and glean more information about its feasibility.

2. YEAR ROUND FARMERS MARKET – A year round in-town market in a location such as Springhill Pharmacy or the Hap Warnke mill site to be managed by another agency. Board would like a list of interested farmers that would commit to year round facility.

3. HEALTHY FOREST PROJECT – Two locations presented - the corner of 49/20 at the Nevada County Consolidated fire station (~20 acres) and an area between Sierra College and Nevada Union High School. This visible area will show examples of forest thinning, brush clearing, and leaving a stand as an example of an overstocked forest for educational purposes (including signage).

4. COLLEGE AND TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT – Sabrina contacted County Council regarding whether or not we could offer scholarships. They didn't say yes or no, but they advised to keep amounts small. San Diego County offers 5-7 \$1,000 grants each year. Nevada Union High School has a scholarship worksheet we can use or we can make our own and make it available to several high schools in the area. We'd like to make it available for trade schools as well as 2 and 4 year colleges. Jan Blake recommended going through Nevada Union or Bear River and let them handle the aspects around the scholarships.

5. FIRE IN THE FOOTHILLS BROCHURE – We would like to have a larger printing quantity to cover giving away to Welcome Wagon, real estate agencies, and Chambers of Commerce.

6. WELCOME TO THE FOOTHILLS BROCHURE – We would like to have a smaller run for the same sources. This brochure would handle all aspects of living in the foothills (livestock, ponds, pastures), everything but fire.

7. INVASIVE SPECIES BOOKLET – We would like to have a water resistant brochure to show examples of invasive plant and animal species with large photos and information and include "mistaken identity weeds". Jan mentioned our Ag Commissioner has a small booklet like this, as well as Placer County. Master Gardeners may be of help to narrow down a list.

The board favored three items, the scholarships, the Healthy Forest Project, and the printed booklets. They would like more information and numbers presented for the remaining items on the list

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** No report.

12. **Old Business:** No report.

13. **New Business:**

- a. **Board discussion and approval of letter responding to Grand Jury report:** Discussion of what was meant by "Summary Pension Data" to be posted on our website – so more information is needed on that. We pay our "Unfunded Liability" yearly and perhaps we should add this clause in our response to the Grand Jury. Sabrina will draft this letter, send for review, and Robert will sign it next week.
- b. **Board discussion of educational signage at Lions Lake:** Robert stated that signage was not part of the initial project and that there are no plans to install any educational signs at Lions Lake.
- c. **Board discussion of whether or not to apply for grants for future projects:** Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing grants for projects, and it was a general consensus that it was not a good strategic use of time, but to keep in mind for special projects.

14. **Announcements:** Bat seminar coming up Tuesday July 31, 6 pm; Farm Bureau Picnic Saturday July 14; and Farm to Fork Dinner July 22nd. Next Board meeting September 11th.

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik July 10, 2018.



Approved by Board of Directors on Sept. 11, 2018



Robert Ingram, President