



MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:02 pm by President Susan Hoek
Directors present: Susan Hoek, David Barhydt, Robert Ingram
Associate Directors present: Linda Miller, Darlene Moberg
Staff present: Jan Blake, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler
2. **Introductions:** None.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Moved to approve Consent Agenda by David Barhydt. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 3-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** None.
5. **Correspondence:** Multiple Advisory Visit Program surveys have been turned in. There was a question regarding a comment in one where Jason Jackson was purported to have said to deep water pine trees to help avoid bark beetles. Will ask Jason to clarify the comment. Thank You letter from Nevada County Farm Bureau for our help with the Ag Tour. Many kudos and positive comments on Robert Ingram's presentation during the Ag Tour.
6. **President's Report:** Since bark beetles and tree mortality are such hot topics right now, we should consider putting on a "tour" of Sierra Pacific Industries land where people can see the difference between a 54 year old plantation, a 29 year old plantation, and a 12 year old plantation and see each step in the reforestation process; and the difference between privately owned timberland and federally owned/maintained timberland.
7. **Education Committee:** July 14th is NID's Watershed Camp at Scotts Flat Lake. About 10 kids have signed up to attend. Activities will include a hike to the Deer Creek headwaters, a scavenger hunt in the woods, building a "dam", and more. It's for 8-12 year old kids, there is no charge, and it runs from 9:45 am to 2 pm. Jan Blake and Evan Smith will be on hand to help wrangle the kids. Jan and Evan will bring actual bark beetles and explain the damage to a stand of trees the kids will see across the lake.
8. **Forestry Committee:** The incinerators referred to in the article (included in the Board packet) can burn 8 trees an hour and the State will probably send them down to southern California first.

The Cedar beetles we're now seeing are rare in California. It should be included in information given at the proposed forestry tour. Robert Ingram will look at his calendar to see when a good time would be for this tour.

9. **Grassland Committee:** No report.

10. **NCRCD Activity Report:** Jan Blake provided a full written report in the board packet.

- PBS picked-up our documentary "*Working Lands – a History of Agriculture in Nevada County*". David Nicholson is getting a "broadcast version" of it ready. It is scheduled to show at the end of August or beginning of September 2016.
- We have sent out the letter cancelling our membership with CARCD. We do not have a response as yet.
- Jan was the featured speaker at the Chicago Park Garden Club. Their questions were mostly about the bark beetle situation.
- Farm Day 2016 has 250 students signed up so far. We hope to get many more once school is back in session.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** Pam Hertzler reported that the NRCS has been fielding a lot of phone calls from the community about bark beetles – mostly from smaller homeowners:

- They got through Batch Period 5 with six (6) contracts – 4 Forestry and 2 Range.
- Another Batch Period was added at the end of July.
- Staff is cleaning up contracts and setting up modifications. Emphasizing that the landowner must get started within the first year of the contract.
- Evan Smith will be attending the NID Watershed Camp with Jan.
- Pam is attending the Food Hub meeting Monday with Jan and giving a presentation to the Agricultural Advisory Committee the following week.
- An Engineer was hired and is based out of Auburn.
- The Soil Conservationist position has been filled. They hope to know soon who it is and when they will start.

12. **Old Business:**

- a. No old business

13. **New Business:**

- a. **Board approval of resolution to open bank account for PayPal:** Staff went to Bank of the West to open a checking account that will allow us to utilize the PayPal payment method. The bank is requesting a resolution from the Board approving the opening of the account. ***Robert Ingram moved to approve a resolution to open a bank account for use with PayPal. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 3-0.***

b. **Board approval of funding for PBS broadcast edit for showing of the documentary:** PBS contacted David Nicholson (documentary videographer) and said they loved the "Working Lands" documentary. They need a broadcast-edited version sent to them with the following:

1. Full screen funder acknowledgement
2. 3-year license to broadcast and stream it on the PBS website
3. All lower thirds (titles) are 4x3 safe
4. Accurate script required for closed captioning
5. Supply the personal releases
6. Check FCC and PBS broadcast standards
7. Reach out to National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA) – send in paperwork and \$175 for satellite time
8. Publicize on OnSix guide, KVIE, ViewFinder, and other websites

Requesting \$2,000 for David Nicholson to edit a broadcast version. **David Barhydt moved to fund \$2,000 to David Nicholson and \$175 to NETA for broadcast version of documentary. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 3-0.**

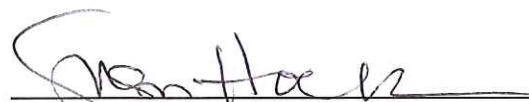
14. **Announcements:** None.

Regular meeting ended at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sabrina Nicholson July 13, 2016.



Approved by Board of Directors on 9/13/16



Susan Hoek, President