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Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 7:00 pm by President Susan Hoek
Directors present: Susan Hoek, Jim Drew, David Barhydt, Robert Ingram
Associate Directors present: Linda Miller
Staff present: Jan Blake, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler
Guests: Dan Miller, Nevada County Board of Supervisors
Craig Ferrari, Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission
2. **Introductions:** Board, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Amended Agenda to move Agenda Item 13a to after Public Comment. ***Moved to approve amended Consent Agenda by Jim Drew. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 3-0.***
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** None.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** Information on poison hemlock and article on marijuana.

Robert Ingram arrived at this time.

13a. **Board approval of Wolf Creek Restoration Project (Dan Miller):** Project location would be the stretch of Wolf Creek that runs along Idaho-Maryland Road in Grass Valley from Sutton Way west to the entrance to DeMartini's RV. The project would initially involve just the north-side of the creek, opening up the creek, restoring habitat, and removing asphalt/concrete chunks that were dumped there. All the property owners along this stretch of the creek are in agreement with the project because they are having a difficult time with the homeless stealing things from their businesses. The project would require a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from each property owner in the project area to allow public access to certain areas of the creek. No Trespassing signs would be placed on the south-side of the creek and "Please don't cross over to the south-side of the creek" signs on the north-side.

Mr. Miller believes that the Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission (NCFWC) should spend some of its \$31,000 on this project that has a visible community impact. He attended the last NCFWC meeting and asked for \$25,000 for this project. South Yuba River Citizen's League (SYRCL), Sierra Streams Institute, Wolf Creek Alliance, Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT), and City of Grass Valley all like and want to partner on this project. Waste Management offered to provide the containers to haul away the green waste. Robinson Enterprises is also interested in

helping. Mr. Miller feels this project is an opportunity to uncover something beautiful in Grass Valley that people currently can't enjoy.

Who would maintain this project? The Nevada County Resource Conservation District (District) would require at least a 5-year maintenance contract commitment from the project otherwise the money is simply wasted. All potential partner organizations agree that spraying will be necessary to keep the creek banks clear of vegetation. Permits for this project may not be required but the Army Corps of Engineers should be contacted. Mr. Miller is asking the District to contribute \$25,000 to the project – matching the requested funds from NCFWC. The District would like to see more "buy in" from the property owners and other potential partner organizations.

Nevada Irrigation District (NID) uses Wolf Creek as a conveyance. Wolf Creek has flooded in the recent past due to vegetation and debris encroachment. BYLT is trying to purchase land near Sutton Way to add to their trail system. Mr. Miller suggested that the District hold the funds for the project and be the fiduciary agent. All subcontracts would be managed by the District. The District would like to know if permits will be required before it makes any decision. Mr. Miller will find out and report back.

In order to get all the blackberry canes out and remove the wild grape you need equipment (e.g., an excavator) and there would need to be some tree removal too. All this work cannot be done by hand and will be very costly. The maintenance would be a huge factor for this project.

Robert Ingram moved to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors listing our requirements for accepting the project. The NCRCD would require significant buy-in by the property owners and potential partner agencies and a long-term maintenance contract. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 4-0.

6. **President's Report:** No report.

7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** Ag Tour is tomorrow and our last seminar is at the end of the month.

8. **Forestry Committee:** No report.

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

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

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** District Conservationist Pamela Hertzler provided a written report in the board packet. She also presented a letter she received from a Nevada County resident thanking both the RCD and the NRCS for the customer service he received from Jason Jackson and Marcoantonio Salazar (NRCS engineer).

12. **Old Business:**

a. None.

13. **New Business:**

- b. **Board approval of extension of Contract for Working Lands Documentary Part II:** *Jim Drew moved to extend the date of delivery to July 31, 2017. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 3-1.* In Favor: Susan Hoek, Jim Drew, David Barhydt. Opposed: Robert Ingram.
- c. **Board approval of amendment to the NCRCD Personnel, Policies & Procedures Manual:** Amend the PPPM to include a Permanent Part-time Employee designation. *Robert Ingram moved to approve the policy as amended. Second by Jim Drew. Approved 4-0.*
- d. **Board approval of 2017/2018 NCRCD Budget:** Line-by-line review of the budget. *Jim Drew moved to approve the 2017/2018 NCRCD Budget as submitted. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 4-0.*

14. **Announcements:** Ideas for potential projects:

- Fairgrounds – trees and/or the pond
- Higgins Corner Community Center – landscaping/irrigation
- Western Gateway Park
- Invasives project with Ag Commissioner (Parrot Feather)
- "Know Your Invasives" workshop
- Invasives workshop (Dr. Dean Taylor, UC Berkeley)

Regular board meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sabrina Nicholson June 16, 2017.



Approved by Board of Directors on 7/11/17



Susan Hoek, President