



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday June 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:04 pm by Dave Barhydt
Directors present: Dave Barhydt, Patti Kiehl, Jim Drew, Robert Ingram, Linda Miller
Associate Directors present: Maddison Easley
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler
2. **Introductions:** Dr. Kate Wilkin, UCCE Sutter, Butte, Yuba, & Nevada counties; and Jamie Ervin, Sierra Forest Legacy
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Robert Ingram moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Jim Drew. Approved 4-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No Comments.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** Board reports that receiving articles via e-mail is ok.
6. **President's Report:** Dave Barhydt and Sabrina Nicholson attended a biomass meeting.

Linda Miller arrives at this time.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** Anna Woodall received her NCRCD Scholarship. Discussion for providing in future two \$1,000 4-year college scholarships and two \$500 trade school/community college scholarships.
8. **Forestry Committee:** Patti Kiehl attended a forestry workshop at Blodgett Forest Research Station put on by UC ANR that offered information on prescribed burning associations in our area.
9. **Grassland Committee:** Maddison Easley attended the SFREC Rangeland and Ranching in a Drying Climate workshop, that shared rangeland practices used during drought and fire.
10. **NCRCD Activity Report:** A full written report was included in the Board packet.

The Mulch Magic event went well, the boy scouts did a fantastic job. Sabrina mentioned that we should look at continuing to participate but using a less flammable mulch rather than the cedar mulch used in previous years.

The Board should consider what our future role with the Nevada County Prescribed Burn Association might be.

CalRecycle is offering a Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program, which helps ranchers with land clean-up from illegal dumping.

Information about an upcoming grant possibility from the Wildlife Conservation Board was offered. With a June 28th Pre-Application deadline, Robert Ingram, Patti Kiehl, and Maddison Easley agreed to form a working group to meet June 24th to decide on whether or not to pursue this opportunity.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** Pamela Hertzler provided a written report.

12. **Old Business:** Staff reviews (Closed Session) moved to end of meeting.

13. **New Business:**

- a. **Board discussion and possible action regarding paying ½ of an extra Ag Tour bus:** The Farm Bureau asked for support in paying for an additional tour bus to accommodate additional ticket sales. *Jim Drew moved to approve payment for half the cost of the additional bus. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 4-0-1 with Patti Kiehl abstaining.*
- b. **Board discussion and possible action regarding sponsorship of 2 Nevada County Grown events:** The board discussed paying for support versus the budget. Sabrina offered to inform Nevada County Grown that they should move forward without using the NCRCD logo until next month when the board can discuss funding sponsorship. Board agreed to postpone decision until the July Board meeting.
- c. **Board discussion and possible action on UC ANR's Prescribed Fire Trailer request:** Dr. Kate Wilkin, Forestry, Fire Science, and Natural Resources Advisor from UC Cooperative Extension for Sutter, Butte, Yuba, and Nevada counties, presented a slide show on the benefits of prescribed fire, Prescribed Burn Associations (PBAs), and how we could help implement the process in Nevada County. An appeal for support was made to fund a prescribed fire trailer and/or support by offering training and educational outreach for implementing practices in Nevada County. The Board decided to revisit the issue in July.
- d. **Board review, edit, and approval of NCRCD's 2019/2020 fiscal year budget:** The board discussed tightening our belts for the upcoming 2019/2020 fiscal year budget. *Patti Kiehl moved to approve the 2019/2020 budget with recommended changes. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 5-0.*

14. **Announcements:**

- Beneficial Insects: How to Attract Them to Your Garden seminar – June 20, 2019
- Next board meeting – July 9, 2019

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Closed Session began at 8:55 pm.

Closed Session ended at 9:17 pm.

Regular Board meeting re-convened at 9:18 pm.

Jim Drew moved to approve 10% pay increase for both Anne Solik and Sabrina Nicholson. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 5-0.

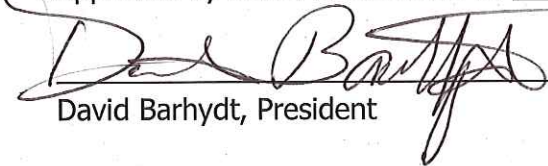
Board meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik June 11, 2019.



Approved by Board of Directors on _____

4/9/19



David Barhydt, President

