



## **BOARD MINUTES**

Nevada County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting  
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:06 pm by Patti Kiehl  
Directors present: Patti Kiehl, Jim Drew, Robert Ingram, Linda Miller  
Associate Directors present: Darlene Moberg  
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson
2. **Introductions:** Sabrina introduced Janeth Marroletti, Executive Director of Gold Country Community Services
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Jim Drew moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 4-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comments.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** No Comments.
6. **President's Report:** No Report.
12. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Gold Country Community Services apprise Board of their needs for Senior Firewood Program and answer Questions:** Janeth Marroletti with Gold Country Community Services (GCCS) talked about the services they provide to the community and the need for support. She talked about needing a wood splitter and an electric lift trailer specifically. Board requested GCCS send us their equipment quotes showing what their discounted prices would be.
  - B. **Board discussion regarding potential NRCS/RCD contract with Jerry Reioux as Forestry Contractor:** Discussed the potential of using Jerry Reioux for any overflow AVP requests. Board decided to wait to discuss further or vote until County Council clarifies employment status of contractors.
7. **Education/Outreach/Scholarship Committee:** Staff informed the Board that our scholarship description and information was written, reviewed and edited by the Education Committee, and was sent to Linda Melugin, the new administrator for scholarships at NJUHSD. Deadline for submission is January 18<sup>th</sup>.
8. **Forestry Committee:** Robert Ingram talked about a CalFire fuel break project in Colfax near the North Fork of American River that is running around \$5,000 an acre running to

treat. That's \$5 million dollars to do a 1,000 per acre project due to conforming to individual landowner requests, using state and convict crews, added police security, etc. amounting to little work being accomplished and no maintenance plan in place. Robert believes that if the individual landowners were to contract the work the cost could be ~\$1,000 - \$1,200 an acre. With approximately 20 million acres that need to be treated at ~\$4,000 per acre is billions of dollars.

9. **Grassland Committee:** No report.
10. **NCRC D Activity Report:** A printed Activity report was included with the board package. Staff gave a brief overview and asked if there were any questions.

Patti Kiehl asked if there was any progress on the potential partnership with Master Gardeners of Nevada County's Plant Sale. Unfortunately, not at this time.

Darlene Moberg asked if we had the new dates for Sierra Harvest's Chef's day at Chicago Park Elementary. Staff spoke with Rachel Berry who will get back to us with definite dates.

RCD Staff, along with Board Vice President Patti Kiehl, attended a green waste disposal meeting with Nevada County Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Fire Safe Council (FSC). Discussion centered on the feasibility of a pilot project whereby local green waste is incinerated in an Air Curtain Burner (ACB) to be located at a soon to be available county facility site located on Loma Rica Road. The County is currently paying Waste Management to pick-up and haul off the green waste from FSC's green waste drop-off sites. Staff will contact Steve Garcia with CAL FIRE to see if the ACB they offered to lend us previously is still available.

Robert Ingram asked Staff to visit Lions Lake and take pictures to show the Board the current condition of the lake. Blackberries are back in the rocked areas along the shoreline, willow trees are sprouting like crazy, they have beetle killed trees surrounding the lake, erosion is exposing the culvert near McCourtney Road, and there are blockages in the ditch bypassing the lake.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** Pamela Hertzler was not able to attend this meeting or the next due to offsite NRCS duties. Josue will be acting DC in Pam's absence. NRCS is still looking for lodging for the student intern who will be starting May 24<sup>th</sup> and tentatively working through mid-August. NRCS said they won't fund any contracts until spring.

13. **New Business:**

- A. **Board nomination and selection of 2020 Board President and Vice President:** Robert Ingram nominated Dave Barhydt to remain as Board President. **Approved 4-0.** Board requested Patti Kiehl remain as Board Vice President. **Approved 4-0.**
- B. **Board committee member assignments:** Board agreed to keep the same sub-committees as last year with the same members.


- C. **Board discussion and approval of Resolution 2020-01 to change the named staff who have access to Bank of the West checking account:** Board approved removing Jan Blake and adding Anne Solik. ***Jim Drew moved to approve Resolution 2020-01 to change the named staff who have access to the NCRCDC's Bank of the West checking account from Jan Blake to Anne Solik. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 4-0.***

14. **Announcements:** Grant Writing Workshop – January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

Next board meeting – February 11, 2020.

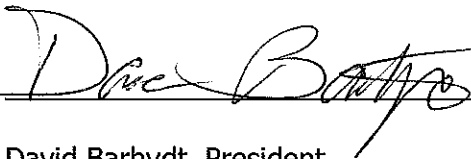
Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik January 15, 2020.



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Approved by Board of Directors on 2-11-2020



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David Barhydt, President

