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Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:01 pm by President Susan Hoek
Directors present: Janey Powers, Susan Hoek, Patti Kiehl, David Barhydt, Robert Ingram
Associate Directors present: Jim Drew, Linda Miller, Darlene Moberg
Staff present: Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler
2. **Introductions:** Pamela Hertzler, the new Natural Resources Conservation Service's District Conservationist.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Moved to approve Consent Agenda by Robert Ingram. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 5-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** None.
5. **Correspondence:** Darlene Moberg said the article on GMOs was balanced and well done.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Agritourism Committee** – Susan Hoek reported that a minimal number of surveys had been returned to the Agricultural Commissioner's office and they may send out another survey.
8. **Education Committee** – Linda Miller reported that she spoke with Jim Pelton (Nevada Irrigation District) about the proposed Watershed Camp and things are moving forward. He's working with Peggy Davidson (NID) and they're hoping to have the camp at least one day this year, if not two.
9. **Forestry Committee:** Robert Ingram reviewed the signs at Condon Park and noticed that one of the signs needs to be moved. The Board of Supervisors asked Robert for a PowerPoint presentation on bark beetles in the next month and he has his "Tree Triage – Know the Signs and Symptoms of Unhealthy Trees" seminar on May 5th. He will gather various tree rounds for the Ag Tour and for use in the office.
10. **Grassland Committee:** Grass is growing really well. NID may be opening up their properties to grazing again. Grass clippings at the Sierra Foothills Research and Extension Center (SFREC) showed they were at 660 lbs. to date – as opposed to last year's total which came up to around 300 lbs.

11. **Weed Management Committee:** Staff received an e-mail from a landowner with a photo asking us to identify something growing on Scotch Broom. It turned out to be the Broom Gall Mite. The mite will kill established broom, but not the seeds.

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

13. **NRCS Activity Report:** Pam Hertzler reported:

- Curtis Tarver, the NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Field Office Operations, will be here for next month's meeting.
- Pam will be at a District Conservationist meeting in Davis the next two days then the following week she will be moving.
- They just finished Batch 4 – the majority of the applications were for Forestry with one High Tunnel.
- Had 12 applications funded and 10 obligated.
- The next Batch will be the last for 2016.
- Lots of applications and Interest Forms on file to work through.
- NRCS posted 11 positions and one of them is our Soil Conservationist position.

14. **Old Business:**

- a. **Board approval of "Working Lands Part II" documentary:** The Documentary Committee met with Matthew Gottschalk, who submitted the proposal for Part II, and are recommending that the District move forward with Part II. The Committee brought the Board's ideas and suggestions to him and he is ready to start. Part II would be more about educating people on the importance of agriculture. There is a community interest in this documentary program. ***Robert Ingram moved to proceed with Part II as proposed and with a budget to \$51,240. Second by Patti Kiehl. Approved 5-0.***
- b. **Update on potential project "Garden Tool Sponsorship":** Tabled to next month.

15. **New Business:**

- a. **Board approval of Partner Organization letter for the Food Hub:** Staff to request that the Food Hub attend next month's meeting to give specifics on what they want. Table to next meeting.
- b. **Board approval of letter to State water Quality Control Board opposing proposed Water Quality Coalitions Order:** The Placer-Nevada-south Sutter-north Sacramento Subwatershed Group has been fighting this since 2003. The proposed order is a "one size fits all" proposal and we are not the same as the Valley. It is a very flawed process. The Nevada County Board of Supervisors sent in a letter opposing the order too. Our letter should be much shorter, about a page or page and a half with bulleted items. ***David Barhydt moved to send a letter in opposition. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 5-0.*** President Susan Hoek to receive our opposition letter and sign by May 12th.

- c. **Board to discuss cancelling our membership with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD):** Table to next month.
- d. **Board to judge the 2015 Crop Report Cover Art Contest:** The Board had a great time looking over all the artwork submitted. After a final tally, the winners were:
 - 1st Place** – Faith Day
 - 2nd Place** – Riley Lubarsky
 - 3rd Place** – Willow West
- e. **Annual Staff Reviews:** Closed session.

16. **Announcements:** No announcements.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm
Closed Session began at 7:55 pm.
Closed Session ended at 8:16 pm.

Regular meeting restarted at 8:17 pm.


David Barhydt made a motion to go on record that Jan is doing an excellent job and that the Board expresses their appreciation of all her work and the promotion of the District in the community.

Regular meeting ended at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sabrina Nicholson May 19, 2016.



Approved by Board of Directors on 6/14/16



Susan Hoek, President