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Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:04 pm by Executive Director Jan Blake
Directors present: David Barhydt, Patti Kiehl, Robert Ingram
Associate Directors present: Darlene Moberg, Linda Miller
Staff present: Jan Blake, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler, Evan Smith
2. **Introductions:**
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Moved to approve Consent Agenda by Robert Ingram. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 3-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** None.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** Comments about Jason Jackson's visits, article from AgAlert about how our wet winter has failed to solve the State's forest problems.
6. **President's Report:** None.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** We've hosted 2 workshops so far and Farm Day is in the works for this year. Ag Tour committee met; the tour is going to be in Penn Valley this year with Koufos winery, a blueberry farm, Super Tubers, and Robinson Ranch on June 14th. Our lunch may be a BBQ at the Penn Valley rodeo. Possibly have "booths" there for information.
8. **Forestry Committee:** Robert Ingram and his nephew planted 140 1-year old seedlings (40 Ponderosa pines, 40 Douglas firs, 40 Incense cedars, and 20 Sugar pines) in Condon Park. They had to dig through 6 inches or more of chips to plant them. City of Grass Valley made them get an encroachment permit to plant the trees. This is not part of our Condon Park project.
9. **Grassland Committee:** Weeds (thistles and fox tails) are really growing; they're tall and thick. There is a lot of feed and the irrigated pastures look really good. The Placer-Nevada-South Sutter-Northern Sacramento (PNSSNS) Subwatershed Group's Nitrogen Management Plan is still in the works. It will probably have to be used by tree and vegetable croppers in Nevada County. Roger Ingram with UCCE has an app that can help you with that. As long as you have

grassy areas between where you're tilling the pasture and the drainage, you're ok. You are responsible for the water that comes onto, as well as off of, your property.

10. **Weed Management Committee:** No report.

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

- Insurance issue regarding the Affordable Care Act: Nothing will change for now and probably not for a long time
- KVIE sent a nationwide schedule for the showing of the Documentary
- Documentary shown at the 33rd National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko in January
- Documentary Part II is on track for completion next month
- Ag Tour set for June 14th: committee has met and we are planning for the Penn Valley area
- Sabrina is designing another calendar for 2018 – almost finished
- Farm Day scheduled for September 21st. We have ordered farm bags for the kiddies
- Succession Planning workshop was very successful - planning a follow-up workshop with the attorney
- Roger Ingram's dinner was a blast
- Robert spoke at the Nevada County Board of Realtors on bark beetles
- New location for a CIMIS weather station possibly on Trabucco's property on Bitney Springs Road
- Susan will be the Grand Marshall at the Penn Valley Rodeo this year
- Drill has been rented 32 times on 248+ acres
- The Advisory Visit Program has had 263 requests for 3,824+ acres

12. **NRCS Activity Report:** A written report was submitted by District Conservationist Pamela Hertzler.

13. **Old Business:**

- a. No old business

14. **New Business:**

- a. **Update on new Condon Park project (Robert Ingram):** Tim Kiser, our contact for this project, has been very busy with a different project (the sinkhole) so the project is turning into a Forestry Management Plan to showcase how a well-managed forested area looks. There are areas that need some clean-up and dense areas that need thinning. Tim wants to get seeds and grow trees in nurseries – which is very expensive.
- b. **Discuss the Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) request:** Private landowners can apply for EQIP money through the NRCS' Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) in fiscal year 2018. BYLT is looking for us to be partners for their application. Alan Forkey from the NRCS state office is the lead - our office will push

the paperwork. The project map (provided by BYLT) shows it is in an area where there might be some community concern. Jan to ask BYLT to come and answer questions at the next board meeting.

- c. **Review Range Camp applicants and select for Range Camp:** We had zero applicants. Hoping that Jim Drew will help push this program next year.

- d. **Board approval to fund one bus for this year's Agricultural Tour:** Farm Bureau Manager Deborah Totoonchie sent us a letter regarding the Ag Tour and approximate bus costs. **Robert Ingram moved to fund one bus for the Ag Tour. Second by Patti Kiehl.** General discussion. Robert amended his motion. **Robert Ingram moved to pay for two buses if they are physically smaller than last year's. Second by Patti Kiehl. Approved 3-0.**


15. **Announcements:**

Regular meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sabrina Nicholson May 3, 2017.



Approved by Board of Directors on 5/9/17



Susan Hoek, President