



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday March 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:00 pm by Patti Kiehl
Directors present: Patti Kiehl, Linda Miller, Jim Drew
Associate Directors present: Maddison Easley
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler
2. **Introductions:** No Introductions were made
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Jim Drew moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 3-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comments.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** Jim Drew would like to see the Advisory Visit reports for the people who sent in their surveys. Staff will put the documents on a flash drive for Jim's review.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** There has been no word from the Scholarship Coordinator at NJUHSO regarding any applications for our scholarship. Darlene Moberg said at last month's meeting that there were so many applications, we shouldn't expect a report anytime soon. Staff are hoping for a report in April.
8. **Forestry Committee:** Patti Kiehl will be attending a USFS/UC Berkeley workshop Thursday, March 14th at McClellan AFB titled Sierra Nevada Tree Mortality Data Network Workshop. Topics will include local responses/reactions to tree mortality, coordinating State's investment in forest management, and long-term forest dynamics. John Battles will speak about trends in tree mortality and biomass. Patti will e-mail registration information on the workshop to Sabrina and Maddison.

There will be a Prescribed Fire on Private Lands Workshop at Blodgett Research Forest May 17th and 18th. The idea of prescribed fire is really catching on. There is the potential for collaboration with UCANR to build/purchase a prescribed fire burn trailer. UCANR does 5 workshops a year where they would need it. We could use it in between times.
9. **Grassland Committee:** Maddison announced there will be a Compost on Rangeland Resilience Workshop coming up in May with SFREC. Anne will forward email to Sabrina.

10. **NCRC Activity Report:** A full written report was included in the Board packet. Highlights include:

Sabrina will be giving an RCD presentation for Master Gardeners of Nevada County on March 13, 2019.

Staff received a thank you letter from Chief Estes for the Wilder than Wild film event.

Staff has made reservations for supplies for the COY dinner coming up June 21, 2019.

Staff received notice from SDRMA stating they had a revenue shortfall therefore there will be liability fee increases of 5% this year and 11% next year. Maddison is interested in viewing insurance expenditures to compare with Placer County RCD's high rates.

The federal government's SAM (System for Awards Management) is now requiring a person be named to be an administrator for the registered entity (us). Completed registration in SAM allows us to move forward quickly should we decide to participate in any federal grant opportunities. The administrator needs to fill out the form and have it notarized. Sabrina will be that administrator.

Sabrina has been researching costs to make the RCD's website ADA compliant. Discussion about costs and the work involved. Patti will send staff a link to a Microsoft site that helps clarify the necessary steps.

Anne, Sabrina, and Becky Newsome will attend a CalPERS seminar being held at the Rood Center March 26th.

Sabrina signed-up for UCANR's Prescribed Fire Seminar May 17th and 18th.

Meeting with CAL FIRE, the County, and Fire Safe Council this Friday, March 15th to discuss: 1) the possible placement of an Air Curtain Burner on the Ponderosa West project site; and 2) CAL FIRE's request that the RCD possibly administer the grant for the Ponderosa West project or would Fire Safe Council be a better candidate for this project. Discussion about supporting the Fire Safe Council, as they are in the early stages of supporting the Ponderosa project already. Jamie Jones, the new Executive Director of Fire Safe Council, plans to attend a future RCD Board meeting to discuss collaboration between our two organizations.

Earth Day Fair at Sierra College is coming up Thursday, April 25th. Discussion of whether or not it is worthwhile to have a booth. It was decided that Staff should attend for a couple of hours and evaluate. Handouts on seminars, forest health, and our Advisory Visit and Manure Exchange Programs will be available.

Setting-up a tour of Rio Bravo Rocklin biomass plant in Lincoln later this month. Interested parties must contact Sabrina by Tuesday March 19th.

Patti asked how the Wilder than Wild film event went. It was well attended (sold out). Answers from the panel were a bit circular but all questions were taken down and will be answered and posted on YubaNet. It was decided that a board member should be on the panel for any future panel discussions to give the RCD's perspective.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** Pamela Hertzler informed the Board that the reason NRCS did not participate in the Wilder than Wild discussion panel was due to a lack of details on EQIP - leaving all local offices in a holding pattern for future customers. Our office is referring people to CAL

FIRE and My Sierra Woods for defensible space help. NRCS will be attending the Children's Health and Safety Fair May 4th at the Rood Center.

12. **Old Business:**

a. **Board discussion and possible action to cancel printer lease & service contracts; purchase printer:** Cost comparisons were presented for possible replacement for the leased printer from Cannon and Ray Morgan service contract. It was decided that it would be more economical to purchase a printer when lease ends in August 2019.

13. **New Business:**

a. **No new business.**


14. **Announcements:** Next board meeting – April 9, 2019

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik March 12, 2019.



Approved by Board of Directors on _____ 4-9-19

 for Dave
David Barhydt, President