



MINUTES

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

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:02 pm by President Susan Hoek
Directors present: Susan Hoek, David Barhydt, Jim Drew, Robert Ingram
Associate Directors present: Linda Miller
Staff present: Jan Blake, Sabrina Nicholson
Guests: Jason Jackson, Jerry Karnow, Maddison Easley
2. **Introductions:** None.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Robert Ingram moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 4-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** None.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:**
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** No formal meeting just e-mails regarding new projects at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. There's a State bill that needs to be reviewed by the Board. Letter from Laura Barhydt asking the Board to consider a Lake of the Pines Community Center landscape/irrigation project. Seminars are done for the season. There is a possible 3-hour workshop on invasives with Dr. Dean Taylor on plant physiology and why we have such a hard time getting rid of them. Would charge \$10 for that workshop and offer lunch with it. Farm Day is on schedule. Once school is back in session we'll contact teachers again. We're partnering with Nevada County Farm Bureau (NCFB) at the Fair.
8. **Forestry Committee:** The Gray Pines are finally dying. Oaks are responding to the wet winter and heat. Cedar tree problem is growing – at least for the little ones.
9. **Grassland Committee:** A lot of weeds. Seeing smart weed coming up (and it's not even irrigated) and smut grass is taking off. The Barhydts are going to do a trial this fall and spring with a perennial grass that is supposed to have roots up to 12 feet long. It's a grain, but it's a cross between a wheat and rye grass and supposed to get 6 feet tall. It's called Kernza and is supposed to graze well and be drought resistant.

10. **NCRCD Activity Report:** The Ag Tour was wonderful - best one yet. We received a "Thank You" letter from NCFB. We're helping them with their 100-year anniversary celebration. We created a 2-sided "bookmark" for them - "100 Reasons to Join the Farm Bureau". We'd like to pay for it as our contribution if the Board approves. The second edition of Nevada County Rancher magazine is coming out in October. The Union newspaper was represented at the Ag Tour and thought Robert's talk was wonderful. They want him to write it up verbatim for the magazine. NID wants to participate in the magazine and will author an article. "The View From My Office" will be by Susan Hoek. Dan Macon, Dinner Bell Farm, and Cindy Fake will contribute articles too. Heart and Soul Alpacas will be featured along with Reader Ranch as the Historic Ranch.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** No report.

12. **Old Business:**

a. None.

13. **New Business:**

a. **Discussion regarding possible project at Nevada County Fairgrounds:** Jan met with Patrick Eidman and Rea Calender with the Nevada County Fairgrounds. They are so excited about this Lion's Lake project. The project would be to dredge the lake, remove the sediment, and refurbish the landscaping. We tried this project about 5 years ago but the CEO at that time told us it would cost \$800,000 to remove the material from the lake and truck it to Yuba County where there's a processing spot. We'd want to relocate the fish, refurbish the shoreline, have a long-term (at least 25-years) maintenance agreement, possibly do signage (like Condon Park), a pathway around the lake, and partner with other businesses/groups/agencies. Would like to have local businesses build little gazebos or benches with their names on them so it's more of a community project. Sierra Pacific Industries and Robinson Enterprises could work on bringing in large granite boulders and local sportsmen's groups and grade schools could adopt little sections of the shoreline. We have no idea what it would cost as are just in the planning stages. We would be the facilitators and partner with the other groups. We're looking at using the field next to the pond to spread the sediment. If we call it "dredging" we would need a permit from the County. We should say, "Mechanical extraction by means of machines to remove silt from the bottom of the pond and place to an authorized facility". Jerry Karnow is a CEQA consultant. He could contact Amy Kennedy, a biologist with CDFW, regarding streambed alteration and/or other permitting. Don Hoover works on Lake Wildwood draw-downs. He's offered to look at the project with Jerry. Habitat improvement could exempt us from CEQA permitting. There is also a concern about spreading the sediment in the parking field.

Jim Drew moves to approve the Lion's Lake Project with Jerry Karnow as consultant. Second by Robert Ingram. General discussion. Jerry Karnow charges \$90 per hour. Jim Drew amended his motion. **Jim Drew moves to approve the Lion's Lake Project with Jerry Karnow under contract as consultant at \$90.00 per hour. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 4-0.**

14. Announcements:

Jim Drew is applying for Matthew Shapiro's seat on the Nevada County Cannabis Community Advisory Group.

Regular board meeting ended at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sabrina Nicholson July 21, 2017.



Approved by Board of Directors on

9/12/17



Susan Hoek, President