BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Special Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday March 10th, 2026, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** at 4pm Jim Drew, President, Alana Fowler, Vice-President, Linda Miller, Reed Hamilton, Robert Ingram
2. **Introductions:** None
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
   Alana moved to approve Reed seconded. Motion carried 4/0
4. **Approval of Consent items:**
   A. Minutes from Tuesday, February 10th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting – Jim moved to approve with corrections. Alana seconded.

5. **Public Comment:** Katie Alling commented that they sold their livestock as the issue with the wolves was weighing too heavy. There had been 11 livestock kills reported in January on the road that their ranch is on, so they sold their livestock. There are meetings happening along with the Lassen Sheriff to help figure out the issue. She had her Chico field day with new kids. They were in Arbuckle and came in 3rd. Kids are also getting ready for the Forestry Challenge near Camp Sylvester in April.

6. **Correspondence:** NID Rate Increase letter. Discussion followed.

7. **NRCS Report:** *Valerie Bullard was not present.*

8. **NCRCD Board Reports:** **Alana Fowler** reported that she very concerned about the impact of the impending NID water rate increase that is set to take effect this year. The effects would be significant, County-wide, and immediate. This is top of mind for her tonight. Discussion followed. **Linda Miller** reported that club lamb sales went well. Sold 17 of 20 lamb. Lambs were 60lbs to 100lbs. For the most part, she's done with the lambing. **Reed Hamilton** reported that he just got asked to be on a steering committee for the national Ag and forestry team to help with education for all the chapters nationally. **Jim Drew** reported that on the homefront he has ¾ of one row (of his 9 rows) of his vineyard trimmed.

9. **SCHOOL RANCH Report:** **Jim Drew** reported that Charlie has been out working on the pond on the Ranch. Most of the hedge rows that were done a while back have survived. There's been a change in management – Rick Lutrell was in charge of the pig project – now the livestock manager - there will be electrified fencing put up for the goats that have just arrived. One of the grape growers is going to be doing some soil testing. Jason the school maintenance guy will now be strictly maintenance. They just got an electric wood splitter to make kindling. They are buying a bagger for $600 to stuff the kindling into bags and will sell the bags of kindling to places like B&C. Jim also reported that a client of Lyndon Short's passed away who has a giant C&C metal mill that they want to donate to the schools. It won't be at the District Ranch but it will be another asset for the schools.

10. **NCRCD Director and Staff Report:** **Briana Bacon** presented a slide show with an update on the SALC (Sustainable Ag Land Conservation) grant that she's been presenting at the Ag Commissioner last month, and Sierra Harvest last week. She reported that she's been meeting with a core group monthly for the last year that includes Nevada County Farm Bureau – Debby Totoonchie has agreed to stay on beyond her retirement – Nevada County which

13. **Announcements:**

A. Next Regular Board meeting – ***Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 at 3PM*** **Note the time change**

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Rodgers April 7, 2026.

4/7/26

Approved by Board of Directors on _____

Jim Drew, Chair