



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Special Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday May 19th, 2026, at 3:00 pm

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** at 3pm Jim Drew, President, Alana Fowler, Vice-President, Reed Hamilton, Katie Alling
Staff present: Briana Bacon, Amanda Rodgers, Haley Coopergard, Charlie McIntosh
2. **Introductions:** None
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
Alana moved to approve Reed seconded. Motion carried 3/0
4. **Approval of Consent items:**
 - A. Minutes from Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
Katie moved to approve. Alana seconded. Motion carried 3/0.
5. **Public Comment:** A group of students from Katie Alling's Forestry Challenge class gave a presentation.
6. **Correspondence:** Amanda Rodgers distributed the correspondence. Discussion followed.

Robert Ingram joined the meeting.
7. **NRCS Report:** Valerie Bullard reported that for their Equip selections there are 12. They are now working on obligations. Ten are forestry. One grazing land and one regenerative pilot program. For the RCSP selections they have six forest land. Her engineering team has limited availability as Kristy is covering Nevada, Placer, and Yuba counties. All training will be virtual moving forward. The regenerative ag pilot program is going to happen again next year. Moving forward, there is an expectation that all new agreements will be selected following a competitive process. Future funding will be outlined at grants.gov. Payment rates reflect the average costs of conservation practices, not actual costs. The Incentive Payments were reduced quite a bit. Deadlines to select contracts was April 14th. All Equip and CSP selections have been made and now they're getting them contracted.

Linda Miller joined the meeting.
8. **NCRCD Board Reports:** Linda Miller reported that she's got her first irrigation going today. She sold a couple more lambs for the Fair. Reed Hamilton has been doing a lot of work on his property. He will be attending another meeting online with the West Coast Agro-Forestry Network. Alana Fowler reported that for the first time a bunch of their ewes that lambled in November are lambing again. They are 15 to 20 that have re-lambled. They are done calving. Robert Ingram reported that he is picking up the tree seedlings on Friday from SPI and will deliver them to the office. There are about 200 Sugar Pine, 400 Ponderosa Pine, 75 Giant Sequoia, 200 White Fir, 150 Douglas Fir to be distributed next week along with planting instructions. Katie Alling reported that tomorrow she's going to Hayfork where they have a bigger more permanent sawmill. They also have a forestry team. Every three years the Forestry Challenge is allowed to adjust the rules to the competition so she's going to be involved in that process. She also getting ready for end of the year, the Fair, and the Ag Teacher's Summer Conference. Jim Drew reported that he was going to go to Hayfork but he was called into the strategy meeting regarding the NID rate increase. Jim announced the scholarships at the event the other night. He announced scholarships for the Grape Growers and the Livestock Producers. The Ag Tour went well. Best he's seen.

9. **DISTRICT RANCH Report: Jim Drew** reported that there was a forestry challenge at the District Ranch with five or six schools. The video class from Lyman Gillmore went to the Ranch and interviewed the interns, the adults, and were very professional and impressive. We should be able to see that production by the end of the school year. Jim was involved in interviewing for the internship positions available. All have now been filled. They sold some lumber from the Ranch.
10. **NCRCD Director and Staff Report: Briana Bacon** reported that she's working on invoicing. We have applied for a few different grants. We did not move to the next round with the \$4m CalFire Forest Health grant. They received \$775m worth of requests for \$50m in available funding. It is going to look more like this moving forward. We're wrapping up the SALC grant. Briana is doing a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on June 2nd. The next round for the full grant is due June 15th and it's going well. We will be doing the Olala Farms burn next month – around 30 acres. We're working on the demonstration forest project. A Christmas Tree farm is being planted to help offset the costs of the demonstration forest project. RX fire grant is wrapping up, and Haley has submitted the next grant to keep her going. **Amanda Rodgers** reported that Truckee Farm Day is going well, and we seem to be set. Linda Miller will be able to be there and help, as well as drive some of the FFA students. Katie and Linda will work together and connect with Ellen to make sure that all the FFA students have a ride. The theme of the Fair this year is Blue Ribbons and Fair Traditions so we're brainstorming on how we can tie into that theme for the Fair. Sierra Harvest is moving into two open offices in Suite 2, and the move is going slow but steady. We will be ready for their move-in on May 24th. As a result, we will also have a fully ADA compliant lobby, office, and bathroom in Suite 2.

11. **New Business:**

A. New Contracts Review –

1. Pending Pond Contracts for the Pond Restoration at the District Ranch. The committee reviewed both contracts that were submitted and agreed on which would be a better fit for the project. Contract review and discussion followed.

Reed Hamilton moved. Linda Miller seconded. Approved 4/0

2. Contract for Zeno Acton and crew to get trees in the ground for the CalFire reforestation grant. The work has to be done by June 5th. Discussion followed.

Alana Fowler moved Reed Hamilton Approved 4/0

B. Micro-Grant Review – Amanda will send the applications via email to the Board so that they can review.

- a. Ready Springs
- b. John Muir Charter School
- c. Superintendent of Schools

C. Scholarship Request Review - None

D. Staff Requests – Requesting financial committee to review draft of 26/27 budget as well as the annual review of the Executive Director. The budget will be done by the end of May. Jim and Reed will comprise the financial committee this year and will set a time to meet with Briana to go over new budget next week.

E. Other Review – None

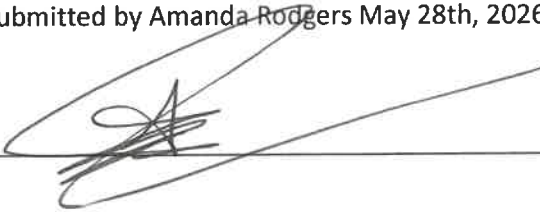
12. Old Business:

A. None

13. Announcements:

A. Next Regular Board meeting – *Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at 4PM*

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Rodgers May 28th, 2026.



Approved by Board of Directors on 6/9/26



Jim Drew, Chair

