



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday November 12, 2023, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:00 by Jim Drew, President. Directors present: Jim Drew, JoAnn FitesKaufman, Linda Miller, Alana Fowler, and Reed Hamilton
Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik.
2. **Introductions:** No Introductions
5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No Public Comment
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *JoAnn Fites Kaufman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Reed Hamilton. Approved 5-0.*

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the October 2024, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for October 2024.

***Linda Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Reed Hamilton
Approved 5-0***

6. **Correspondence:** News articles in package
7. **NRCS Director Report:** Valerie Bullard, NRCS District Conservationist left message that she will be back to present a report in January with the new NRCS administration.
8. **NCRCD Board Report:** Alana Fowler reported that her husband Brad Fowler was elected to the NID Board. She also talked about planting and needing more compost and utilizing zerfoodprint.org, highlighting the need for food waste recycling in Nevada County. Linda Miller reported on progress at her sheep ranch, getting ready for lambing season. Reed Hamilton reported in on attending the recent Climate Summit meeting that reported on soil health, composting, covercrop, integrated livestock, and agricultural climate hubs. He reported on how few RCDs had funding for staff, and how counties had no templates for climate action reports. Jo Ann FitesKaufman reported on progress being made with Prescribed Training Programs and her talks with local groups about the programs. She also reported on the successful SAEL program with local High schoolers learning and aiding in the process for prescribed burning. Jim Drew talked about his project of splitting wood. He also talked about projects to stave off erosion at the School Ranch.
9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne Solik talked about making progress with the Annual Report and with the Welcome to the Foothills guide as well as the potential to move forward with the Farm Trail Map. Briana Bacon reported on the budget, and explained the progress being made as she invoices for work completed on several grants as we wait for the

quarterly tax deposit. Several projects still have not reimbursed but plans to finalize invoicing by end of December. Upcoming finance committee meeting happening 11/20/2024. Briana also reported that we will purchase a Prescribed Burn Trailer soon for \$4,000 from a local private land owner. Briana also noted updates at a recent SALC kickoff meeting.

10. **New Business:**

A. Discussion about of floating holiday assignments. ***Briana talked about moving the 2 floating holidays to the day after Thanksgiving and the day after Christmas, with no rebuttal from the board.***

B. Discussion about possible Ranch School programs. ***Discussions about alternative ideas for ongoing funding for the School Ranch.***

C. Discussion about future Micro-grant programs. ***Discussions about holding the micro-grants to the budgeted amounts, with no rebuttal from the board.***

D. Discussion and possible approval of the Cal-Fire Award Agreement, 5GG23114-NEUNCORXFIRE for \$509,592.60. ***Jo Ann FitesKaufman moved to approve the Cal-Fire Award Agreement, 5GG23114-NEUNCORXFIRE for \$509,592.60. Alana Fowler second. Approved 5-0.***

11. **Old Business:**

A. Discussion and possible approval of Micro-Grant application from Bear River HS, Living Wisdom

12. **Announcements:**

Next Regular Board meeting – December 10, 2024 at 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik November 12, 2024.

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Approved by Board of Directors on _____ 12-9-24

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Jim Drew, Chair