



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Special Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday October 14th, 2025, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:00PM by Jim Drew, President. Alana Fowler, Vice-President, Reed Hamilton, Robert Ingram, Linda Miller Staff present: Briana Bacon, Haley Coopergard, and Amanda Rodgers.

2. **Introductions:** Katie Alling

3. **Approval of Agenda:** *Linda Miller moved to approve Agenda. Reed Second. Approved 4-0*

4. **Approval of Consent Items:**
 - A. Minutes from September 9th 2025 Regular Board Meeting
Alana Fowler moved to approve Consent Items with correction of the next Board meeting being held on October 14th, Reed Hamilton second. Approved with corrections 4-0

5. **Public Comment:** Katie Alling had Ag teacher meeting and had a forum on the wolf issue in Nevada County. The main takeaway was that it's a sad situation for the whole County. The hazing is barely affecting. The wolves can tell time and can plot accordingly. There are three collared wolves that are constantly harassing livestock, killing for sport, and disturbing local farm animals. It is being asked that those three be addressed. It's in the hands of Fish and Wildlife. Katie and her husband went to the McFerrin Sheep Camp and talked about the lumber industry and showed the Ag teachers the oven and the root cellar. They brought Basque soup, bread, and wine.

Katie took 10 students to the Shasta Forestry Challenge. Five of the students were and five of them were newer. The "A" team did a fantastic presentation and won the competition. They will go to Championship event in April at Camp Sylvester in Amador County.

6. **Correspondence:** The Crop Report was distributed.

7. **NRCS Report:** Due to government shutdown, there is no NRCS report.

8. **NRCD Board Reports:** Alana Fowler reported that they are not only absorbed in all the ranch things, but they also have a lot of personal obligations, including a wedding. Reed Hamilton reported that he's been going to meetings for Western Nevada County Climate Coalition and kick off is October 22nd. NID is there, the cities, the County, RCD, and other organizations will be invited as well. Started going to gym to strengthen his knee before knee replacement surgery. Robert Ingram reported that he is leaving to go pheasant hunting in
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South Dakota. Jim Drew reported that he's been helping with the sawmill at the Ranch. A lot of logs have been donated and lumber has been going out to the schools for projects. They cut a giant pad above the pond for the pavilion. Took the fill and put it at the entrance for school bus parking. There is a 32' road going in to the place now. Two ponds are both full now. Put in vertical culvert so that water can be distributed to any part on the Ranch. Jim Drew reiterated it was stated on the award, it was James Phalen and his mother's wish that the historic Ranch be used for agriculture education of the youth in Nevada County. Discussion around use of recreational and public properties and use in Nevada County and what's coming next, including buying the store, harvesting, packing and wrapping locally, all being USDA inspected. Linda Miller reported that cleaning up the pond will be a big project. She went to the last meeting was excited to meet Andrew Jackson and the young man from Bear River – and now that they have the mill, thanks to RCD, now those kids are milling the material and are building little modular places that are like sheds and are selling them. It's the first year that they've been able to do that because lumber was unaffordable. Discussion followed.

- 9. NCRC Director and Staff Report:** Amanda reported that Union Hill School is so appreciative of our Micro-Grant that they are holding a Community Partner Recognition Ceremony and RCD is being recognized. Positive feedback still rolling in on Farm Day. Briana Bacon reported that she went to the Board of Supervisors meeting today where they unanimously agreed not to open up the Tax Sharing with Penn Valley and Rough and Ready Fire Station, who asked the County to open the Tax Sharing Agreement, not realizing that it would come out of the Special District fund. She got up and spoke and it was well received. It was good that we were there. Both events, the Farm Bureau dinner and COY award, and the Sierra Harvest Food Fight were both successful and the food at both events was very good. She filmed a segment with Bear Yuba Land Trust for the upcoming award ceremony. The CPR course was on Saturday with 13 people. We are now planning 6 classes/workshops for next year. Katie Alling said that she's in the process of becoming a WOFA instructor. Discussion around workshops. RX Burn that happened on Sunday was successful. It was part of the CalFire grant. We worked with Terra Fuego and CalFire was very happy with it. Discussion regarding RX burn. Briana went to the Sierra Commons had an event about local businesses and change making and saw Tim Robinson and he said he enjoying being part of the new documentary and enjoyed working with Robert Ingram. Discussion about potential upcoming State funding for technical training. Tim asked Fiona Ma about her interest in funding in the future and she indicated that the path is more through internships and Sierra College programs. The message is there is money but the interest in there not just through with On target for the timeline of the documentary. We're hiring a Conservation Manager and taking on another intern. This program along with our scholarship program and the Ranch School will show the interest needed to generate more funding. Briana reported that Amanda Rodgers had her six-month review and she did great. Because she does a lot more regarding logistic management, being the right hand to Nate, and handling projects, she has changed her title to Operations Director. Briana opened a discussion around the possibility of having an office space independent of the Federal office.

Katie Alling interjected that she's been working on a beginner chainsaw certification. Looking for ways to get it industry-backed. Discussion followed.

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10. Ranch School Report: Jim Drew reported that it's good that all the advisors at the Ranch have had CPR and First Aid training.

11. New Business: Reviewing the additional contract from PG&E on the Wildfire Resilience Project because they were extremely happy working with Nate on Serene Lake. There are more projects coming down the pike for us to manage for them, including a Burnbot project. They are bringing up a busload of high-level leadership folks from to see the good work that we're doing. Robert Ingram asked about maintenance. No maintenance is begin written into these grants. Briana suggested that we put some energy into writing proposals that cover maintenance. *Alana Fowler moved to approve new PG&E Agreement. Reed Hamilton Second. Approved 4-0*

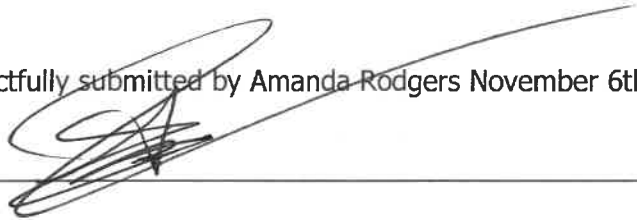
12. Old Business: No old business

13. Announcements:

A. Next regular Board meeting November 18th 2025 due to the holiday on November 14th.

Board meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Rodgers November 6th, 2025.



Approved by Board of Directors on _____

Jim Drew, Chair

