

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Placer County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Board was called to order by RCD Board Chair Tom Wehri at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT

Directors Present:

Thomas (Tom) Wehri  
Robert (Bob) Wiswell, Jr.  
Stanley (Stan) MacDonald  
Claudia Smith  
Steven (Steve) Garcia  
Andrew (Dave) Funk

Directors Absent: Scott Harvey

Others Present: Mike Brenner, NRCS District Conservationist-Auburn Field Office  
Rich Gresham, RCD Manager  
Mark White, RCD Resources Management Planner  
Katie Maloney, RCD Programs Manager

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Claudia Smith moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a time sensitive item related to a proposed development/university project under New Business. Stan MacDonald seconded; motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FIELD TRIP

The Board left for a field trip to review several projects in the field at 10:30 a.m. After the field trip, Tom Wehri thanked staff for arranging the outing and continued with the agenda.

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Bob Wiswell moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2008 as presented. Claudia Smith seconded; motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Katie Maloney presented the Financial Statements and the Grants and Programs Summaries for the month ending April 30, 2008.

Claudia Smith moved to approve the financial statements and reports as presented. Bob Wiswell seconded; motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

New Business:

- a) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: Proposed Development with University in Western Placer County:*

Claudia Smith informed the Board of the proposed project as presented at the last Placer County Ag Commission meeting that would convert 600 acres of prime Ag land. She noted the proposal includes a university upon build out. Currently, there are no commitments from

anyone interested building a university on the proposed site. Claudia suggested the Board entertain passing a resolution opposing the proposed development as long as there is no committed party interested in the university component of the project.

After Board discussion revolving around type of Ag land being proposed for conservation, mitigation plans, and the opportunity to weigh in on the issue, the Board directed the RCD Ag and Lands Committee to draft a resolution for submission to Chair Tom Wehri for review and signature on behalf of the Board in order to deal with the short project approval time frame.

- b) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: RCD Board Resolution #08-04:*  
Tom Wehri reviewed RCD Board Resolution #08-04 approving the acceptance of \$200K in Prop 40 Funding from Cal Fire to support the Placer County Chipper Program. Bob Wiswell moved to pass the RCD Resolution #08-04 as presented. Claudia Smith seconded, motion carried unanimously with Steve Garcia abstaining.
- c) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: RCD/Placer County '08-'09 Annual Joint Work Program and Contract:*  
Mark White reviewed the proposed RCD/Placer County Annual Joint Work Program for '08-'09. After a short discussion revolving around landowner education in terms of stormwater runoff management on pasture lands, Claudia Smith moved to approve the RCD/Placer County Annual Joint Work Program for '08-'09 as presented. Dave Funk seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- d) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: RCD/Placer County Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs):*  
The Board reviewed two proposed MOUs between the RCD and Placer County supporting the Placer Chipper and Fire Safe Inspection Programs. One MOU provides \$30K in funding for fire safe Inspections in Placer County except the Tahoe Basin and the other MOU provides \$50K to support the chipper program.

After a short discussion, Tom Wehri recommended the RCD Forestry and Fuels Management Committee review the MOU language and authorize Rich Gresham to execute both MOUs on behalf of the Board, if recommended by the Committee. Claudia made a motion to implement Tom's recommendation. Stan MacDonald seconded; motion carried unanimously.

- e) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: '08-'09 RCD Planning Session:*  
The Board conducted their annual planning session, reviewed the three year budget as approved last year, and consider two '08-'09 budget concepts, one based on tax revenues at current levels and one based on a reduction of current tax revenues by 8%.

Discussion points included the need to address landowner needs in terms of providing assistance and education regarding the management of storm water runoff, livestock management, the structuring of a staff conservationist position, the continued development of GIS support and capabilities, the need to provide for a smooth transition related to Rich Gresham's planned retirement and the need to acquire a new District Manager.

Tom Wehri recommended staff prepare a draft '08-'09 RCD Annual Plan and Hourly Staff Allocations using the same format as last year for Board review and consideration for approval.

#### RCD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were deferred.

#### DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Reports were deferred.

#### RCD STAFF REPORTS

RCD Staff Reports were deferred.

### AGENCY REPORTS

Agency Reports were deferred.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Rich Gresham handed out a May 19<sup>th</sup> memo regarding potential revision to the Kemper Woods Subdivision "Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions" (CC&Rs) as provided by Ira Bennett for Board review related to potential conservation easement management.
- Tom reported he is investigating a complaint received by the county regarding services provided by NRCS.
- Stan MacDonald handed out a May 9<sup>th</sup> update on the 2008 Farm Bill Forestry Title information for Board review.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed forgoing the June meeting. The next meeting will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Agenda items will include:

- Draft '08-'09 RCD Annual Plan and Hourly Staff Allocations
- Draft '08-'09 Budget
- K. Maloney Services Agreement
- D. Matney Website Management Agreement

### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Claudia Smith moved for adjournment. Bob Wiswell seconded; motion carried unanimously. Tom Wehri adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.