

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Placer County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Board was called to order by RCD Board Vice Chair Steve Garcia at 4:07 p.m.

MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT

Directors Present: Thomas (Tom) Wehri
Steven (Steve) Garcia
Claudia Smith
Robert (Bob) Wiswell, Jr.
Andrew (Dave) Funk

Directors Absent: Robin Mahoney
Scott Harvey

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Bob Wiswell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dave Funk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS

Stewart Feldman

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Claudia Smith moved to approve the minutes of the RCD Board Meeting of April 21, 2009 as presented. Bob Wiswell seconded; motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Katie Maloney presented the March and April 2009 financial reports. Tom Wehri moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Claudia Smith seconded; motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

New Business:

a) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: RCD/Placer County '09-'10 Joint Work Program:*

Mark White reviewed the draft \$63,780 RCD/Placer County '09-'10 Joint Work Program. He noted the county mandate to reduce all contracts by 10% for '09-'10, reviewed task components, and changes from previous years that dropped administrative support for county watershed groups and the fire alliance. Program components were outlined as follows:

Task 1: General Assistance to the County Executive Officer including \$5K allocated to unanticipated requests, \$5K for the Red Sesbania Project, and \$8.8K for organizing the Annual Ag Tour.

Task 2: Assist County with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements includes \$3.2K allocated to Assisting the NPDES Dept. of Public Works in the research and identification of applicable long-term Best Management Practices (BMPs) and monitoring the maintenance of post construction BMPs by private sector, \$2.4K allocated to outreach and education, \$14K for construction site pollution management support and enforcement of non-stormwater discharges, \$14.4K for construction industry training (including county inspection staff), \$1.6K for county municipal operations staff education and training, and \$2.88K to assist DPW with an Outfall Inventory.

Task 3: Revision and update of publications beneficial to county staff and residents includes \$5K to provide county with technical assistance needed to update High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development manual and \$1.5K to update the 2003 Defensible Space and Healthy Forest Handbook.

Mark noted the handbook update funding is contingent upon the county being awarded grant funding.

Mark noted Task 3 has not been finalized and requested the Board approve the RCD/Placer County '09-'10 Joint Work Program in concept to allow for the finalization of agreement language in terms of Task 3 and authorize Rich Gresham to execute the final document on behalf of the Board.

After discussion, Dave Funk moved to approve the RCD/Placer County '09-'10 Joint Work Program in concept and authorize Rich Gresham to execute the final document on behalf of the Board. Bob Wiswell seconded; motion carried unanimously.

- b) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: RCD/Placer County Office of Emergency Services (OES) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide bridge funding for the Placer County Chipper Program:*
Rich Gresham reviewed the proposed MOU that will provide up to \$49,500 in funding to allow the continuation of the Chipper Program through August 2009 or until expected grant funding becomes available, whichever timeframe is shorter.

Claudia Smith moved to approve the MOU as presented. Dave Funk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

- c) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: '09-'10 RCD Annual Plan:*
Tom Wehri recommended the Board extend the Strategic Long Range Plan '04-'09 for another year considering Rich Gresham's impending retirement and base the '09-'10 Annual Plan on the continuation of the long range plan for another year with the expectation that the district will be working with a different talent set upon Rich's retirement mid-year.

The Board raised no objections to extending the Strategic Plan for another year and Dave Funk requested another month to review the proposed '09-'10 Annual Plan and provide input.

Tom agreed and asked each director review the proposed plan and provide input to Rich for Board consideration next month.

RCD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Forestry & Fuels Management Committee:* Dave Funk reported Dr. Richard Harris and a Placer County Air Pollution Control District representative attended the meeting where carbon and biomass issues were discussed.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Tom Wehri:

- Tom reviewed potential changes being considered by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and indicated he will keep the Board apprised as things progress.

Dave Funk:

- Dave attended the National Envirothon, the CARCD Subcommittees meeting, and participated in Day at the Capital. He reviewed each event.
- Dave reported CalTrans selected the Lincoln School District to manage the Rockwell Conservation Preserve.

The Board reviewed their strategy and thanked Dave, Robin, and the rest of their team for their efforts on behalf of the district.

Steve Garcia:

- Steve brought up the five year review of Endangered Species Act (ESA) protected species being conducted by US Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS). 21 ESA species fall under the responsibility of the Sacramento FWS office. The Public Comment period closes May 26th.
- Steve reported the CalFire/RCD Training Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by CalFire.
- Steve suggested the Board receive a refresher course on the Brown Act. The idea was supported by the Board.

Bob Wiswell:

- Bob reported he will not be able to attend the June meeting and planning session but will provide Rich with any input he has regarding the Annual Plan.

Claudia Smith:

- Claudia has been working with the organic farming community including several farm tours.
- Claudia indicated she promotes the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) whenever she has an opportunity.
- Claudia noted the Farmers' Market is now in full swing.

RCD STAFF REPORTS

In addition to the written activity reports for the month of April, submitted in the Board Package, the following points were discussed:

- Rich Gresham reported he has resent the RCD/NRCS Technical Assistant cost sharing proposal to Curtis Tarver for his consideration.

AGENCY REPORTS

In addition to the written activity reports for April- May, submitted in the Board Package, the following points were discussed:

- Mike Brenner reviewed his activity report and reported the EQIP ranking process has been completed and they are ready to move forward with whatever resources they will be allocated. The top 10 ranked projects were forestry related projects.
- Mike announced Marie Bankus is now funded thru January 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Placer County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Technical Advisory Committee May 7th meeting agenda and minutes of March 5th.
- Placer County Flood Control & Water Conservation District May 11th meeting agenda

- Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission May 13th meeting agenda and proposed '09-'10 Budget
- Placer County Agricultural Commission May 11th meeting agenda
- CA Special Districts Association (CSDA) publication, *CA Special District*, for March-April 2009
- Riverside-Corona RCD newsletter, *Resources Update*, for Spring 2009
- National Association of Resource Conservation Districts (NACD) publication, *Forestry Notes*, for May 2009
- NACD publication, *The Resource*, for Spring 2009
- State Fund Compensation Insurance Fund newsletter, *COMPONENTS*, Issue One 2009

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The June RCD Board Meeting Agenda will be devoted to the Annual Planning Session and may include the following items:

- '09-'10 RCD Annual Plan & Staff Hourly Allocation & Proposed Budget
- Services Agreement with Katie Maloney
- Services Agreement with Dorene Matney

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Claudia Smith moved for adjournment. Dave Funk seconded; motion carried unanimously. Steve Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.