

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
June 16, 2009**

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 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT

Directors Present: Thomas (Tom) Wehri  
Steven (Steve) Garcia  
Claudia Smith  
Robin Mahoney  
Andrew (Dave) Funk

Directors Absent: Robert (Bob) Wiswell, Jr.  
Scott Harvey

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Robin Mahoney moved to approve the agenda as presented. Steve Garcia seconded; motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS

Jeff Bordelon

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Robin Mahoney moved to approve the minutes of the RCD Board Meeting of May 19, 2009 as presented. Steve Garcia seconded; motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Katie Maloney presented the May 2009 financial reports. Claudia Smith moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Robin Mahoney seconded; motion carried unanimously.

## BUSINESS

### New Business:

a) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: RCD/Auburn Recreation District Cooperative Agreement:*

Rich Gresham reviewed the request from the Auburn Recreation District (ARD) for RCD resource assistance with the ARD Shockley Conservation Easement. The Agreement presented will allow the RCD to assist ARD with preparation of a fuels management plan using RCD retained Registered Professional Forester Doug Ferrier. After Board consideration, Claudia Smith moved to approve the RCD/ARD Cooperative ARD/RCD Agreement as presented. Robin Mahoney seconded; motion carried unanimously.

b) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: RCD 2009-2010 Annual Plan and Staff Allocation:*

Tom Wehri reminded the Board of his recommendation to extend the RCD's Long Range Strategic Plan for another year to allow for input from the new District Manager in light of Rich's impending retirement and the Board's concurrence with that recommendation.

Rich noted with the proposed RCD 2009-2010 Annual Plan and Staff Allocation directing the District's efforts for the next fiscal year is based on the extension of the Long Range Strategic Plan for another year.

The Board reviewed the proposed plan and noted Board input for revision and consideration for approval of the final draft next month.

c) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: Draft RCD Budget 2009-2010:*

Katie Maloney reviewed the Draft RCD 2009-2010 Budget and noted Board input for revision and consideration for approval of the final draft next month.

d) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: Services Agreement with Katie Maloney:*

After Board consideration that extended the Agreement currently in place for another fiscal year, Dave Funk moved to execute the Services Agreement with Katie Maloney as presented. Robin Mahoney seconded; motion carried unanimously.

e) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: Change in Employment Status for Ryan Bellanca:*

After Board consideration of Ryan's Bellanca's formal request to move from employee to contractor status as of July 1, 2009, Claudia Smith moved to accept Ryan's request to move from RCD employee to contractor status as of July 1, 2009 with tasks, rates, and deliverables to be determined on a project-by-project basis. Robin Mahoney seconded; motion carried unanimously with Steve Garcia abstaining.

- f) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: Services Agreement with Dorene Matney:*  
After Board consideration that extended the Agreement currently in place for another fiscal year, Claudia Smith moved to execute a Services Agreement as presented. Steve Garcia seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- g) *Discussion to Consider and Possible Action Re: In-Lieu of Fees Training:*  
After Board consideration of Tom Wehri's request to attend the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Army Corps of Engineers *In-lieu of Mitigation Fees Workshop* with Mark White and Dave Funk, if his schedule allows, Dave Funk moved to approve Tom's request. Robin Mahoney seconded; motion carried unanimously.

#### RCD COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

#### DIRECTORS' REPORTS

*Claudia Smith:*

- Claudia has been working with student interns on the farm and attended the Ag Tour.
- Claudia reported the Mobile Poultry Processing Trailer has been completed and procedures for use are in development.

*Robin Mahoney:*

- Robin noted he could use GIS assistance with the Robbers' Roost project.

*Steve Garcia:*

- Steve reported he continues to work on his home and has completed the first floor.

*Tom Wehri:*

- Tom reported he recently returned from two weeks in Virginia.

#### RCD STAFF REPORTS

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

- Katie Maloney reported she continues to respond to questions regarding the CA Dept, of Finance audit of the Sierra Coordinated Resources Management Council's (JPA) Prop 40 funded Fuels Reduction Program.
- Ryan Bellanca reported he awaits funding for the Bark Beetle Grant and will be undergoing wrist surgery towards month end.

#### AGENCY REPORTS

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

- Mike Brenner announced the office will be receiving additional Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) funding and will now be able to fund 5 projects vs. 3 projects. All projects being funded are forestry related and contract development is underway.
- Mike reported Placer County organic growers are hoping to benefit from Farm Bill changes that allocate funding to both organic and transitional organic farming.
- Mike announced field office Engineer Kirsten Losse is moving to Humboldt and a new engineer is expected to fill the vacancy.
- Mike reported issues regarding prior year contracts running behind schedule have been resolved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD thank letter for the RCD's yearly dues
- Placer County Agricultural Commission June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda
- US Forest Service email announcing a National Forest Plan Revision Workshop.
- 4<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Grazing Lands announcement
- CA Special Districts Association (CSDA) publication, *CA Special District*, for May-June 2009
- Robert W. Johnson Accountancy Corp., *Tax & Business Letter*, Summer 2009
- National Association of Resource Conservation Districts (NACD) publication, *Forestry Notes*, for June 2009
- *CalPERS Employer News*, Spring 2009

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The July RCD Board Meeting Agenda may include the following items:

- '09-'10 RCD Annual Plan & Staff Hourly Allocation
- '09-'10 RCD Budget
- Cost of Living Adjustment
- Ryan Bellanca Contract – Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Nature Bowl Contribution

### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Claudia Smith moved for adjournment. Steve Garcia seconded; motion carried unanimously. Tom Wehri adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.