



MEETING MINUTES

NAPA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1303 Jefferson Street, Suite 500B, Napa, CA 94559, 707-252-4189

Thursday MARCH 9, 2017 8:00 A.M.

District President: Gretchen Stranzl McCann

Vice President: Jim Lincoln

District Directors: Rainer Hoenicke, Beth Painter, Jon Kanagy,

Ashley Anderson Bennett, Bill Pramuk

Executive Director: Leigh Sharp District Secretary: Anna Mattinson District Counsel: Susie Altman

1. CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Napa County Resource Conservation District was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017, by Board President Gretchen Stranzl McCann.

A. Roll Call.

Directors present included Gretchen Stranzl McCann, Beth Painter, Ashley Anderson Bennett, Bill Pramuk, and Jon Kanagy. Director Jim Lincoln arrived at 8:04. Associate Directors present included Margaret Woodbury and Bob Zlomke. RCD staff present included Leigh Sharp and Anna Mattinson. NRCS was represented by Emma Chow. Counsel Susie Altman was not present.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Approve February 9, 2017 minutes.

MOTION: Anderson Bennett; SECOND: Painter; AYES: Stranzl McCann, Painter, Anderson Bennett, Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Lincoln, Hoenicke. None; ABSTENSIONS: Kanagy. Motion carried.

C. Ratification of District Bills.

There were no bills to ratify.

D. Approval of District Bills

Approve bills in the amount of \$13,962.59 (\$9,202.84 RCD regular batch, \$0 Preauthorization, \$0 Extra Batch, \$0 Journal Entries, \$4,759.75 Kaiser).

MOTION: Painter; SECOND: Kanagy; AYES: Stranzl McCann, Painter, Anderson Bennett, Pramuk, Kanagy; NOES: None; ABSENT: Lincoln, Hoenicke; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

3. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

There was no educational presentation.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve the consent calendar.

MOTION: Painter; SECOND: Anderson Bennett; AYES: Stranzl McCann, Painter, Anderson Bennett, Pramuk, Kanagy; NOES: None; ABSENT: Lincoln, Hoenicke; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

A. RCD Activity Report for January

B. NRCS Activity Report for January

C. Authorize President to sign Resolution 2017-01 accepting Department of Water Resources Prop. 50 funds, designating the President to sign a contract and amendments thereto, and designating the Executive Director to sign progress reports and reimbursement claims.

D. Authorize President to sign Resolution 2017-02 authorizing submittal of a funding request to the California Department of Conservation's RCD Financial Assistance Program.

5. SET ITEMS OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no set items or public hearings.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update regarding comment period for Napa County's Draft Climate Action Plan.

Leigh announced that the comment period for the Draft Climate Action Plan was extended to March 10, 2017 and that she will submit the RCDs comment letter encouraging consideration of agricultural practices that sequester carbon.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Discussion of District Financial Reports

Anna presented the accounts receivable and cash flow reports.

B. Nomination of an RCD Director representative to the Watershed Information & Conservation Council.

Bill Pramuk was nominated by Director Painter.

MOTION: Painter; SECOND: Lincoln; AYES: Stranzl McCann, Painter, Anderson Bennett, Kanagy, Lincoln, Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Hoenicke; ABSTENSIONS: None . Motion carried.

C. Possible action to appointment a new Associate Director.

Appoint Geoff Gatto as an RCD Associate Director.

MOTION: Anderson Bennett; SECOND: Kanagy; AYES: Stranzl McCann, Painter, Anderson Bennett, Kanagy, Lincoln, Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Hoenicke; ABSTENSIONS: None . Motion carried.

D. Appoint ad-hoc committee to review applications for Directors' Environmental Scholarship.

Appoint Directors Stranzl McCann, Anderson Bennett, and Kanagy to review applications for the Directors' Environmental Scholarship.

MOTION: Pramuk; SECOND: Lincoln; AYES: Stranzl McCann, Painter, Anderson Bennett, Kanagy, Lincoln, Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Hoenicke; ABSTENSIONS: None . Motion carried.

E. Update from Huichica Creek Sustainable Vineyard and Orchard Demonstration Advisory Committee.

Leigh gave an update from the first meeting of the Advisory Committee.

F. Update on CARCD activities and notification of upcoming Bay Delta Regional Meeting.

- Bay Delta meeting will be held in April in Livermore. Leigh will reach out to see if any Directors or Associate Directors are interested in taking the trip with Emma and Leigh.
- CARCD is still having budget woes. They are thankful for our on-going full membership and donation to CSG. They may be adjusting their membership dues in the next year.
- DOC and CSG helped to obtain \$2.5M for RCD capacity building from the State general fund.
- CARCD will be developing two new committees to help them represent RCDs in the area of soil and water.
- Conference 2017 will be in Sacramento.

- CARCD has applied for private foundation funds to continue and expand RCD capacity building programs.

G. Annual review of NRCS and RCD Operational Agreement.

Emma and Leigh provided an overview of the Napa NRCS and RCD Operational Agreement where joint activities and projects are described with roles and responsibilities. Director Pramuk requested that activities related to forest health be added, specifically Sudden Oak Death. Staff will make the revision and execute the Operational Agreement.

H. Review of requirement to file a form 700 pursuant to Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

With many thanks from staff, Form 700's have been received by everyone.

I. Discuss Upcoming Events and Possible Director Participation.

- Wild Napa – California Freshwater Shrimp. March 8. 7 PM at Napa Library.
- Wild St. Helena – Salmonids of the Napa River. March 14. 5:30 PM at St. Helena Library.
- Wild American Canyon – Edible Plants. March 15. 6:30 PM at American Canyon Library.
- CAWG Foundation Gala. March 15. Sacramento, CA (\$100/person)
- Wild Napa – Oak Galls. April 12. 7 PM at Napa Library.
- LandSmart Vineyard Farm Plan Workshop. April 19.
- Earth Day Cleanup and Celebration. April 22. Save the Date!
- Watershed Symposium. May 24. Save the Date!
- Napa / Yountville Garden Tour. June 4. Save the Date!

J. Identify possible agenda/discussion items for future meeting(s).

- Marijuana growth and impact in Napa County
- Land Trust of Napa County

K. Correspondence

1. The Crush Newsletter, February 2017
2. CSDA Legislative Days
3. California Association of Wine Grape Growers Foundation Gala (Invitation)
4. CSDA Newsletter – Jan/Feb
5. Joint letter to CDFA re: Healthy Soils Program (NCRCD was a signator)
6. Napa Farm Bureau Grower Advocate – Winter 2017

7. Thank you letter from Donna Zhuang, Nanjing Agricultural University
8. The Wine Institute Year in Review – 2016 and a look ahead
9. CARCD Update – 2/1/17

8. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST AND DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Emma reported on the following:

- Emma participated in the February LandSmart workshop.
- Emma and Leigh submitted a contribution agreement request to NRCS which would provide funds to RCD to assist NRCS capacity building, conservation planning, demonstration projects, and outreach.
- Emma and Frances participated in a conversation about “Carbon Farm Planning” with regional RCDs and NRCS Offices, the State NRCS Office, Carbon Cycle Institute, Marin Carbon Project and Marin Ag Land Trust. The intent of the meeting was to build partnerships and understanding about working together for a common goal around soil health.
- Emma attended MobilizeGreen Diversity Career Fair in Oakland.
- Kelly assisted at a LandSmart for Kids field day at Sheehy Creek.
- A Quality Assurance Review (QAR) is scheduled for the Napa Office on March 21 – 23
- NRCS continues to be very busy with Emergency Watershed Program requests in partnership with local sponsors to address streambank failures and threat to structures from recent storms.
- Corporations may participate in RCPP by requesting an AGI waiver if they exceed the \$900K cap.
- Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) is available for wetland and agricultural land easements through NRCS. Easement terms can be 30 years or permanent.

Leigh reported on the following:

- RCD received three responses to a RFP for geomorphic and design work for the Bale Slough / Bear Creek project. A contractor will be selected and a contract brought to the Board in April.
- Bark in the Park community dog walk was held in American Canyon to promote responsible dog walking. RCD spoke on KVYN to raise awareness about pet waste pathogens, proper waste disposal, and Bark in the Park.
- LandSmart Vineyard Planning Workshop was conducted with 25 participants.

- Oak Maintenance has started with 40 volunteers from Freemark Abbey helping us at Alston Park.
- Youth Council students attended a day-long Youth for the Environment & Sustainability conference in San Francisco with Guadalupe. One member of the Council was a special presenter and spoke at the conference.
- RCD staff has been working with City of American Canyon, City of Napa, and Skyline Park staff related to evaluating unpaved roads/trails at Newell, Alston, Westwood Hills, and Skyline Parks.
- The rotary screw trap was installed and will begin to operate in early March.
- The WILD speaker series is expanding. We'll be in American Canyon and St. Helena in March.
- Our concept proposal to CDFA to assist us in implementing the carbon farm plan at HCV and utilizing HCV as a regional and state-wide demonstration was approved and we submitted the final proposal for consideration this week.
- Vehicle use is getting complicated and Leigh will begin researching options to obtain a new vehicle through purchase or lease. She will get input from the financial advisory committee and ultimately the Board before action is taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to end the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

MOTION: Pramuk; SECOND: Kanagy; AYES: Stranzl McCann, Painter, Anderson Bennett, Kanagy, Lincoln, Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Hoenicke; ABSTENSIONS: None . Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Mattinson, District Secretary

(Recording #65)