



**BOARD MINUTES**

Nevada County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting  
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Tuesday December 12, 2023, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:02 by Jim Drew. Directors present: Jim Drew, Linda Miller, and Reed Hamilton. Associates: Alana Fowler and Robert Ingram. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik
2. **Introductions:** Pamela Hertzler, NRCS.
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *Linda Miller moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Reed Hamilton; Approved 3-0.*

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- A. Minutes from the November 2023, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for November 2023.

***Reed Hamilton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Linda Miller, Approved 3-0.***

5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comments.
6. **Correspondence:** Articles about NCRCD local prescribed burn events presented on table.
7. **NRCS Director Report:** Pamela Hertzler reported that NRCS is busy submitting applications FY 2024 EQIP, majority forestry. She will be attending the CARCD meeting in Sacramento for the next three days. Pamela also announced that this is her last NCRCD board meeting as she leaves for her new career as Area Resource Conservationist in Area 2, but still plans on visiting from time to time to give the board NRCS updates. They expect her position to be flown for her replacement sometime in the next week.
8. **NCRCD Director Reports:** Linda Miller announced, "No more Irrigation", Alana Fowler reported on progress burning out medusa head, Reed Hamilton reported on meeting with NRCS staff to go over plans for potential carbon farming sites, Robert Ingram announced working with FRST Forestry, and Jim Drew reported on progress with planning for projects with the School Ranch, Pond clearing and other ranch projects.
9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Executive Director announced the award of the \$500,000 SALC grant. Total grants awarded since March 2023 totals 1.3 million. The newly awarded SALC grant to incorporate working with Farm Bureau, BYLT, and County OES.
  - **Cal-Fire-CEQA grant**
    - Next steps:
      - 3-acre conversion completed

- Fish and Wildlife account established and in progress 90 day review
- Vegetation removal complete
- Waiting for compaction report
- Sprint for pipe installation (spring)
- **SALC Grant**
  - Award letter to be received early 2024, work to begin May or June 2024.
- **Roots-Point Blue Conservation Health Soils/Wildlife Management Grant-Proposal accepted.**
  - Working on budget
    - Primary budget will be for Conservation Program Manager
    - Community projects and private landowner projects includes Ranch School, Barhydt Ranch, Food Love Farm, Wildflower Ridge
- **Climate Transformation Alliance Group with Truckee**
  - Community grant in progress to help draw down funding for Forest Health Funding, amount and project for initial grant proposal assessed at \$212,000 for project management.
  - Pitch Deck created and presented to CT committee
- **Livestock Fire Mitigation Management Grant through Nevada County-\$75,000 tbd**
  - Proposal in process for management of livestock management contracts with local ranchers
  - Met with OES, going to have Conservation Program Manger oversee this as part of AVP.

A full listing of current and future projects as well as status of on-going projects included in board package.

10. **New Business:**

**No New Business**

11. **Old Business:**

**A. Discussion and possible approval of new Board Director positions.** Discussion and tabled for January meeting.

**B. Discussion and possible approval of FFA Farm Day Bus Support.** Tabled while we await corresponding invoice.

**C. Discussion and possible approval to change language of Bylaws.** Tabled for CARCD Div. 9 meeting to incorporate statewide sweeping changes.

12. **Announcements:**

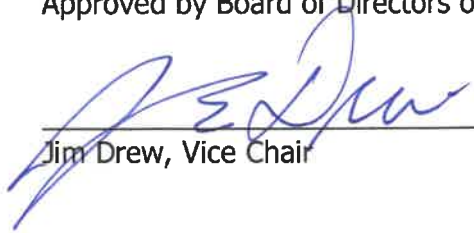
Next Regular Board meeting – January 24, 2024 at 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik December 12, 2023.

  
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Approved by Board of Directors on Jan. 23, 2024

  
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Jim Drew, Vice Chair

