



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday January 24, 2025, at 4:00 pm

- 1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:00 by Jim Drew, President. Directors present: Jim Drew, Linda Miller, Alana Fowler, and JoAnn FitesKaufman by zoom. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik.
- 2. **Introductions:** No Introductions.
- 5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No Public Comment
- 3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *Linda Millers moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Alana Fowler Approved 4-0.*

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the December 2024, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for December 2024
Alana Fowler moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Linda Miller Approved 4-0

- 6. **Correspondence:** An article announcing CSDA’s upcoming classes available for staff and Board Members, this class would provide certificates for excellent leadership. A new request for a school micro-grant from Clear Creek school was presented. It will be moved to July 2025 when new funding for these programs restart.
- 7. **NRCS Director Report:** Valerie Bullard, NRCS District Conservationist (Zoom) reported that her office has 123 new contracts, 83 additional contracts, 8 active range contracts, 18 pasture contracts and 5 cropland/high tunnel contracts. Additionally they also have 14 CSP contracts (12 in Forestry and 2 in Pasture Management).
- 8. **NCRCD Board Report:** Linda Miller talked about her farm progress with many sheep lambing and the building of a new housing unit. Alana also talked about farm progress with sheep lambing as well as hedgerow planting and compost spreading. JoAnn FitesKaufman talked about progress to her property and two burns in the Rx Fire program coming up this weekend. Jim Drew talked about his many projects including burning slash and splitting firewood.
- 9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne Solik reported on the progress of the Annual Report and the Welcome to the Foothills brochure. Briana Bacon reported on the status of the many grants in progress and the continuing income they produce.

10. **Ranch School Report:** Jim Drew reported on the Ranch School Meeting January 9th, they are looking for cross fencing, tangible ways to create income from Farming/ranching, as well as future classroom placement for ongoing education on the ranch.

11. **New Business:**

A. Discussion and possible approval of STRAW (PointBlue) Grant.
Tabled for February Meeting.

B. Discussion and possible approval of STRAW capital equipment.
Tabled for February Meeting. Briana reported on progress of the project and possible ways to work within the budget to complete the Dominguez Ranch project.

12. **Old Business:**

A. Discussion about Working Lands storyline and outline. Briana and Robert will attend the final interview with Dr. Stephens in Berkeley on January 23rd.

13. **Announcements:**

Next Regular Board meeting – February 11, 2025 at 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik January 14, 2025.



Approved by Board of Directors on 2-11-25



Jim Drew, Chair