



BOARD MINUTES

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

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:00 by Jim Drew, President. Directors present: Jim Drew, Reed Hamilton, and Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik.
2. **Introductions:** No Introductions
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *Reed Hamilton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman. Approved 3-0.*

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the February 2024, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for January 2024.
Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman. moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Reed Hamilton. Approved 3-0.
5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No Public Comments
6. **Correspondence:** Articles of local interest on table, annual report from UC Extension, a letter from the County with a proposed annexation report.
7. **NRCS Director Report:** No Report
8. **NCRCD Director Reports:** Reed Hamilton reported that he is featured in a new book release "On Gold Hill". Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman discussed her progress on the Prescribed Burn program, noting that classes were well attended. Jim Drew talked about wood donated to the Ranch School for students to make redwood planks. Jim Drew reported on his latest career move, substitute teaching Agriculture to high school students.
9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne Solik reported on progress of the Farm Day, Annual Report and moving forward with planning for other 2024 Events. Executive Director Briana Bacon reported on progress of the awarded grants.
 - o **Cal-Fire-CEQA grant \$299,936**
Next steps:
 - Spring for pipe installation
 - Invoicing this month
 - **HSP Block Grant-Awarded for 3 million to Placer County**
 - NCRCD will get \$9,360 for admin support Feb/Mar
 - Initial seminar completed
 - **CDWG Prescribed Fire Grant \$392542**
 - Award letter received, invoicing starting January.

- Correcting SAM/deliverables ready
 - **Point Blue Wildlife \$100,000**
 - CEQA completed
 - Initial invoice for CEQA sent to Point blue for payment
 - **SALC Grant \$500,000**
 - Award letter accepted.
 - Grant agreement in process – expected start 3/14/24
 - SALC meeting 1/25 NCRCD office
 - **Livestock Fire Mitigation Management Grant through Nevada County-Spring 2024**
 - 10,000 in admin
 - \$75,000 project implementation, \$15,000 outreach and marketing
- **AND SO MUCH MORE IN THE WORKS!**
 - Details on file

A full listing of current and future projects as well as status of on-going projects included in board package. Briana also reported on County Networking progress naming the Youth Commission Meeting and the FireSafe Council, working to partner to file CEQA and work on Workforce Development Grants. Briana talked about attending the an Air Quality Control meeting where we were asked to be the lead Agency, a Chief’s Breakfast, the Women’s Leadership Tea, as well as a Workforce Development Grant to hear about a biomass plant planned in a location near Waste Management.

Staff also shared with the Board a proposal from Yubanet that would offer the RCD a sub page off of “Happening Now” for the public to find valuable information from NCRCD, as well as several marketing components to help offset workload in the future at the tune of \$1,500 a month.

10. **New Business:** No New Business

11. **Old Business:**

A. No old business.

12. **Closed Session:** 4:58

13. **Open Session:** 5:15

13. **Announcements:**

Next Regular Board meeting – April 9, 2024 at 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik April 9, 2024.

Approved by Board of Directors on _____

Jim Drew, Chair