

WSRCD Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2016, 5:36 PM – 7:19 PM

6270 Parallel Road- Anderson, CA 96007-4833

Call to Order: 5:36 PM

Attendees:

WSRCD Board: Dennis Heiman (President), Ben Letton (Vice President), Elizabeth Betancourt, Carl Weidert, Phil Schoefer, John Moore, Allen Hill

NRCS: Melinda Graves (District Conservationist)

WSRCD Staff: Chester Anderson (District Manager), Ali Warren (Fiscal Officer)

1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: add 35-50 TES contract Amendment

2. Public Comment Period: None

3. SCF: Mari Szynal is currently on vacation, the SCF is waiting to hear from the Shasta Land Trust in regards to their conservation easements.

4. Approval/Change to 8/22/2016 meeting minutes: None.

- Motion to approve (Letton), 2nd (Betancourt). Motion is unanimously carried.

5. Correspondence: None

6. NRCS Report: Melinda Graves, District Conservationist, presented the NRCS Report.

- The fully executed Engineering agreement is in place and the job announcement for the position is to be posted next week.
- Mistlebeck Dam Spillway Repair – Vestra is going to survey the topography and current spillway dimensions. NRCS will be assisting. There is a Technical Advisor Committee scheduled for October 13th. There is a request to have the RCD help prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the report that documents the safety of the dam and proposed spillway cost estimate.
- A local workgroup was held in Colusa. The focus of the workgroup was on emerging issues such as, groundwater management, soil health, tree mortality, and large scale invasive species treatment efforts.
- Fall river RCD Board meeting was held September 21st. The Fall River RCD is interested in the potential to partner with WSRCD on preparation of CWPP's and fuels reduction projects.

7. CARCD Activities: Director Schoefer discussed the upcoming activities and strategies of the CARCD:

- Conservation Strategy Group (CSG) has sent out a 2016 CARCD Legislative Update. CSG has provided a breakdown of all of the upcoming legislation and what their effects could mean to RCD's.
- Groundwater Sustainable Associations is promoting for RCD's and Counties to get involved in the groundwater sustainability discussion.
- Department of Conservation is working on how the \$2.5 million, to help districts perform, criteria will be established.
- It is official that the 2017 CARCD conference will be held in Redding, CA. Dorthy Schoefer has been spearheading this effort and has contacted the Sheraton Hotel for booking it for the event. Morning and Afternoon tours will need to be planed; several tours were suggested which included a guided fishing tour, a tour of Shasta Dam, and a tour of the Phillips Brothers Mill.

8. District Manager's Report: Chester Anderson, District Manager went over his District Manager report.

- Clover Creek completed, some cleanup and planting to be done
- Keswick Dam Gravel Project in progress
- Hat Creek Project completed
- WUI and SRA next phase in funding has started
- Technical review of NFWF grants upcoming
- Dennis Heiman and Chester Anderson meet with Department Of Conservations Director Bunn in regards to what they can do to help RCD's.
- Analia at FEMA Conference last week
- 4 Shasta College Interns this semester to help with: PR/Outreach, Citizen's Monitoring, Plant-a-Tree/Happy Valley Greenhouse, and GIS Fuel Break Mapping Project
- Leadership Academy continuing will wrap up at November Conference
- SMART Center and EDD VIPs toured projects on Wednesday the 14th, Ali lead this tour and they were very impressed with the work that we do.
- Bella Vista Water District permit submitted to Army Corps
- Sending 4 staff members to day long CEQA training in Sacramento
- Two new hires (Veronica Orosz and Jan Raether) , 10 interviews completed and we extended job offers that were accepted.
- RCD Regional Meeting scheduled for October 19th in Colusa
- Closed Highland Park Conservation Easement needs to be invested
- New windows installed upstairs in offices
- Continue with equipment repair and maintenance backlogs
- Resuming work on City of Shasta Lake Fuel Break
- Groundwater Management Group- it is suggested that the RCD could play the part of project management and monitoring/reporting to allow the RCD to be involved in groundwater monitoring without being put in a regulatory position.

9. Financials: Ali Warren presented the Financial Reports.

- Motion to approve (Betancourt), 2nd (Letton). Motion unanimously carried.

10. Old Business:

- Retreat date is set for November 11th with Amy Stork.

11. New Business: See 11.1. – 11.4. below.

- Endowment funds – It was suggested to contact Tadd from Morgan Stanley to discuss the investments of the endowment funds. Chester to get in contact with him in regards to this.
- Medical Insurance – The rates for insurance have increased. It was decided by the board that the RCD would pay 100% of the plan Gold Full PPO 750/20 OffEx plan and will offer three plans in total with the employee paying the difference between the Gold Full PPO 750/20 OffEx plan and the others cost. Motion to approve (Betancourt), 2nd (Moore). Motion unanimously carried.
- Contract Amendment - Motion to approve (Schoefer), 2nd (Letton). Motion unanimously carried.

12. Planning Referrals: None.

13. Closed Session – None

14. Set Next Meeting Date and Identify Agenda Items: Next meeting (Monday 10/24/2016). Agenda Items (TBD).

Adjourn: 7:19 PM

- Motion to adjourn (Schoefer), 2nd (Weidert), unanimously carried.