



"To protect, enhance, and support Butte County natural resources and agriculture by working with willing landowners and citizens through education, land management, and on-the-ground projects."

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM

**Location: Klamath Conference Room
202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA 95965**

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Dave Lee, President

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Dave Lee, Vice Chair Allen Harthorn, Treasurer Colleen Hatfield, Directors John Christofferson and Samantha Lewis, Associate Director Mike Crump, District Manager Thad Walker, Staff Wolfy Rougle

3. REVISIONS TO AGENDA (only emergency situations requiring the need to take immediate actions may be added as action items pursuant to Gov. code 549954.2(b))

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (on non-action items)

(1) (3 min. limit per speaker/topic, 15 minutes/person/meeting total) (2) Public comment is encouraged. Any member of the public may address the Board with any comment related to the Resource Conservation District's areas of concern.

*However, no action can be taken by the Board on such items at this current meeting. The Board may direct staff to agendaize such items for consideration at a future meeting. (3) *Please note that all action items will have time set aside for public comment prior to the vote occurring. After a motion*

is made and seconded by two BCRCO Directors, the Chair will first ask for any further discussion from the Directors and Associate Directors and then Chair will open up the item for brief public comment limited to 2 minutes/person. After the public comment period closes a vote will be held.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Teleconferencing Requirements of the Brown Act AB 361 BCRC Resolution 01202022 Extension

b) Review and approval of the minutes of the BOD meeting held on 9/15/2022

John moved, Colleen seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

6. ACTION ITEMS – Dave Lee, President

a) Review and approval of Financials/ Accounts Payable- Colleen Hatfield. John moved, Allen seconded, to approve and pay the vendor check register. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Procedure Review- Payment of contractors when holding grant advances

-Colleen Hatfield and Staff – Put on hold until next month so Colleen and Cheryl can work together to create a Policies and Procedures item, summarizing the sense of the Board on item c from September’s BOD meeting. Thad asked for any additional feedback on this topic from BOD members, now that an additional month has passed. There was none.

c) Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP), Agreement extension with CARCD -Thad Walker - Will extend our agreement so we can continue to work on the EFRP program. All private lands affected by Camp Fire. Currently there is no EFRP for the Bear Fire/North Complex, at least not in Butte County. Samantha moved to accept the extension, John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

d) Notice of Exemption for Cirby Creek cleanup project (applicant: BCCER) -Wolfy Rougle – John moved, Colleen seconded, to adopt the NOE. Motion passed unanimously.

e) Notice of Exemption for Clear Creek ecological restoration (applicant: Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria) -Wolfy Rougle – John moved to adopt, Allen seconded, motion passed unanimously. Motion passed 4-1, Lewis voting no.

f) Notice of Exemption for Butte Creek ecological restoration (applicant: Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria) -Wolfy Rougle. Allen moved to adopt, Colleen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

g) Sole Source justification for Tanner Environmental Services - Wolfy Rougle. John moved, Samantha seconded, motion passed unanimously.

h) Contract with Tanner Environmental Services for Wildlife BE in Upper Butte Creek- Wolfy Rougle. Samantha moved, Allen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

i) CARCD Annual Conference "Building Partnerships for California's Conservation Communities" November 30th-December 3rd at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom- Staff and Director Attendance -Thad Walker – Informational only

j) Agreement with Deer Creek Resources for professional services -Dallas Koller (Wolfy Rougle) – Colleen moved to approve the agreement with “Fall 2021” changed to “Fall 22-23” in Exhibit A. Samantha seconded; motion passed unanimously.

k) Agreement with Bryant Nagelson for professional services to support prescribed fire - Dallas Koller (Wolfy Rougle) John moved, Samantha seconded to accept the agreement; motion passed unanimously.

l) Agreement with California Association of Resource Conservation Districts for NRCS EQIP Technical Assistance -Thad Walker - John moved, Allen seconded to accept the agreement; motion passed unanimously.

m) Agreement with California Association of Resource Conservation Districts for Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) assistance with BCRC Small Forest Landowner Assistance Program (SFLAP) -Thad Walker. John moved, Allen seconded to accept the agreement; motion passed unanimously.

n) Next Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 9:00 AM, Location: Klamath Conference Room 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA

7. RCD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

- a) Staff Updates – Thad remarked we had great participation at both the Concow field tour last Thursday and Upper Butte field trips. Board congratulated staff on the successful tours. Wolfy attended a talk from Bill Smith, retired Plumas NF forester, yesterday night and was interviewed by Action News Now about the future role of fire in the North Sierra. Thad and some other staff attended a Steep Slopes Logging demonstration on SPI land yesterday and saw machines successfully operating on 40% slopes, adjacent to the Upper Butte project area.

As a follow-up to the Upper Butte field tour, Allen remarked on the soil conditions he had noticed in severely-burned Willow Creek. This friable, dusty, unprotected soil has the potential to contribute large pulses of sediment to Butte Creek which (if the sediment made it downstream to the anadromous reach) could ultimately smother salmon redds and kill a whole year class if it was bad enough. When Butte Head Dam and Centerville Head Dam are full (as they currently are), Allen stated sediment can flow right through them with not much being detained. During the big storm in May, Allen and neighbors observed a major pulse of sediment entering the anadromous reach downstream from the dams. They speculated about where it might have come from, but after seeing the soil conditions in Willow Creek drainage, Allen observed the sediment might have come from the Willow Creek drainage. Allen proposed contour felling of snags (not complete removal of all snags!) to provide erosion control on the severely burned slopes. He also proposed emergency actions (contour felling and willow wattles [BDAs?]) before the rainy season commences. Allen asked to be connected with Aquatics specialist Craig Hempling (craig.hemping@usda.gov). FYI, Craig is currently on detail to a position in the Supervisor's Office (and no one has been detailed into his place) so he might be harder than usual to reach about matters on the Almanor Ranger District.

8. PARTNERS' REPORTS (5 minute limit per group)

- a) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) - none
- b) Butte County departments - none
- c) Community groups and agencies - none

8. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

- a) Butte County RCD Directors and Associate Directors are welcome to report – Samantha Lewis mentioned that the Vina GSA is looking for letters of support for its upcoming grant applications and it would be appropriate for RCD board to consider a letter of support at our Nov meeting. John provided background saying the RCD originally didn't get very involved in the SGMA process because the RCD didn't want to be forced to take a position that farmers should be taxed for pumping water. Samantha said she understood this perspective and the most effective way to avoid taxing farmers is probably to fund projects that increase groundwater storage.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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