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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: 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; Directors Allen Harthorn and Andrew Sohnrey; District Manager Thad Walker; Staff Dallas Koller, Wolfy Rougle, and Cait Bell; Guest Rafi Silberblatt

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*

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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) Review and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 9/19/2024 – Allen moved, Andy seconded to approve the consent agenda; motion passed unanimously;

6. ACTION ITEMS – Dave Lee, President

- a) Review and approval of Financials/ Accounts Payable- Thad Walker for Colleen Hatfield – SNC Colby acct and US Bank card both still need to be removed from the report as they are closed or should be. Thad thanked the Board for approving the purchase of the 2nd truck, which is already in daily use on projects across Butte County. Andy moved, Allen seconded to approve the consent agenda; motion passed unanimously.
- b) Presentation by Rafi Silberblatt, Kearns and West, Reorienting to Recovery Planning Team (Information Only) – Process is nearing the end of this phase of work (end of a 3-year process starting oct 2021) and will culminate with a big Forum on 10/29, which all RCD board and staff are invited to. Developed a framework defining salmonid recovery, modeled various recovery scenarios and used Structured Decision Making (SDM) to evaluate and select scenarios. The end goal, which is still in the future, is to arrive at agreement regarding actions that would lead to recovery. These would then comprise an action plan. 4 “knobs” can be turned to create recovery (turning one knob achieves nothing): habitat, hatcheries, hydrology, and harvest. Historically, dry years often wipe out all the salmonid gains from wet years, so the “Tortoise” scenario focuses on dry-year actions. The “Platypus” scenario is a “kitchen sink” suite of actions. The “Elephant” scenario is “healthy rivers and landscapes” only. The first two scenarios achieve recovery, the Elephant does not. The Forum is a chance to weigh in on the mix of actions that were balanced against each other in each scenario – and can be recombined to create new scenarios that might please more constituents or optimize more outcomes. Any questions? contact Marlys Jeane, mjeane@kearnswest.com
- c) BCRCD Bylaws Review Section II -David Lee – Important to recognize that BCRCD can’t enforce its own terms-of-employment bylaws on its employees as long as BCRCD leases its employees from Allevity as HR/employment solutions. However, when we bring HR in-house (whether we continue to use a third-party solution for payroll or not) we will be able to enforce our own HR provisions. BCRCD rules and regulations regarding use of vehicles, technology, etc can of course still be enforced. No action taken
- d) Resolution to Adopt Butte County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and BCRCD’s Annex (Annex G) - Wolfy Rougle – Becoming an “annex” jurisdiction under our County’s LHMP enables us to apply for certain federal funding sources and may make us eligible for other benefits in the future. The main benefit was, really, going through the process with all the other jurisdictions and learning where BCRCD’s programs (existing and contemplated in our strategic plan) strongly fulfill priorities that are shared countywide. For example, some of our programs (like countywide Rx fire education and the PBA) fulfill a need that is widely recognized. Others (like our concern about unmaintained flumes prone to failure/landslide) are areas of concern for which we were the main voice in the room. Either way, the adoption of the LHMP does not obligate BCRCD to undertake any actions. It simply states our priority projects/programs and it notes whether a) we already do them or b) would do them if we had funding. And it places these projects/programs in the context of the County’s disaster and mitigation history. Andy moved, Allen seconded to approve the resolution; motion passed unanimously.
- e) Contract with North Fork Enterprises for Rx Support Services to Plumas National Forest - Dallas Koller – On behalf of Plumas National Forest, BCRCD requested a statement of qualifications and rate sheet from dozens of contractors region-wide who could provide Rx fire

support (and pre-work) for PNF projects within the Camp Fire footprint. We then developed agreements with those contractors whose proposals met the PNF's needs (items e, f, and g). These agreements are on an IDIQ (indefinite duration, indefinite quantity) basis, so as the PNF issues task orders, BCRCDC can direct these contractors to fulfill them on a very short turnaround (as little as 24-48 hours). No additional bid process will be required; however, qualified contractors will be selected based on their geographic proximity to the work, their availability, and lastly their cost.

Andy moved, Allen seconded to accept the contract with North Fork Enterprises; motion passed unanimously.

- f) Contract with Firestorm for Rx Support Services to Plumas National Forest - Dallas Koller – See discussion of item e. Allen moved, Andy seconded to accept the contract with Firestorm; motion passed unanimously.
- g) Contract with YFR Tree and Land Management for Rx Support Services to Plumas National Forest - Dallas Koller – A much smaller company, but able to provide chipper, skid-steers and a water tender. Put together a well-thought-out proposal. Primarily an arborist company but some of the work PNF contemplates is hazard tree removal along roads, trails etc. Andy moved, Allen seconded to accept the contract with YFR Tree and Land Management; motion passed unanimously.
- h) Contract with Summitt Forests, Inc. for Hazard Tree Removal and Piling on Rim Road/Pyrosilviculture Unit- Cait Bell – Although quite a few contractors attended the bid walk for this 58-acre project and 3 contractors submitted bids, Summitt's bid was the lowest and they have experience doing similar work on nearby units in the Concow Resilience project. This hand crew work is prep for both Rx fire and, later, selective conifer replanting. Allen moved, Andy seconded to accept the contract with Summitt Forests, Inc; motion passed unanimously.
- i) Modification of Agreement with Point Blue for biological services at Butte Creek House -Thad Walker – To respond to equipment-contractor-related delays in the project, we need a biological monitor to remain on site longer into the autumn than we previously planned. Andy moved, Allen seconded to accept the contract with Point Blue; motion passed unanimously.
- j) Modification of Agreement SP-21-182 with Chico State Enterprises to extend forester availability through 12/31/24 -Wolfy Rougle – We received 30 days' extra time from the funder (SNC) to complete this project, so we need the forester to be available for that extra 30 days. Allen moved, Andy seconded to extend the contract with Chico State Enterprises; motion passed unanimously
- k) Next Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM, Location: Klamath Conference Room 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA

7. RCD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS -STAFF REPORTS

a) Project Updates – It's been an intense and productive month for BCRCDC. Dallas has led a 70-person TREX (plus 20 instructors), Butte Creek House implementation has been ongoing and will continue until snow flies; PBRs in the Park has been underway with about 15-20 workers showing up daily since 9/30/24 and 34 new workers will be joining them this Monday (Mooretown crew plus 30 Prop 68-funded CCC crew members); Wolfy will continue to lead the environmental compliance/water monitoring training for new workers as they come on board, while Symbiotic Restoration will return to the canyon to lead a second hands-on implementation training. Colby Mtn implementation will also begin Monday, with a modification (mileage reduction) before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. SFLAP Feather Falls implementation is underway and going well. With all those field projects, the office is completely empty some days! Staff and board made the hard decision to forgo the Speak-Off this year. Julia Sidman has accepted the position of Forestry Program Manager, coming to us from Feather River RCD. Allen asked about status of Centerville Rd project – this project has been a challenge with a lot of engineering turnover, moving targets in terms of design priorities, and various construction issues/delays. We will keep working on it with Public Works and strive to deliver what they need. CDFW wants to do a site visit at Butte Creek House for beaver reintroduction.

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

- a) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

b) Butte County departments

c) Community groups – Friends of Butte Creek – Butte Creek floodplain restoration project – CDFW is requesting more CEQA documentation than what FBC’s consultants anticipated. As a result, the broken bridge removal will not take place this year but will be combined with the floodplain reshaping work next year. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be convened next month and BCRCD will be requested to join. It’s a very busy time for Butte Creek and working in streamflow restoration.

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

a) Reports are that Supervisor Kimmelshue intends to appoint Jeff Carter, an attorney with experience working with CARD, as our fifth board member.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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