



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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: BCRCD Office

641 Entler Ave. Suite 47, Chico, CA 95928

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Meeting ID: 853 2665 2323

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Join via phone (408) 638-0968

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dave Lee, President

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – 9:00 am. Chair Dave Lee, Vice Chair Andrew Sohnrey, Directors Jeff Carter, Allen Harthorn, District Manager Thad Walker, Staff Wolfy Rougle, Guest Dave Brothers

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 BCRCD 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:

None

6. ACTION ITEMS – Dave Lee, President

- a) Agreement with Rolls, Anderson & Rolls for Humbug Road Construction Management Services, Lassen National Forest -Almanor Ranger District, Upper Butte Creek NEPA -Wolfy Rouble – We received 3 bids and decided RAR (the second lowest) provided the best value to the project. In section 7 under “Performance,” Jeff observed that language states Consultant shall perform like a competent practitioner of “the same profession in which BCRCD is engaged.” Jeff asked, shouldn’t it state “in which Consultant is engaged”? Thad responded we’d consult with County Counsel about possibly changing this in a future revision. Allen moved, Jeff seconded to approve the agreement; motion passed unanimously.
- b) CEQA Notice of Determination for Cohasset Reforestation and Oak Restoration Program (SCH# 2026050361) -Wolfy Rouble – This is the cover sheet which should have been signed at the same time as the final ND last month, but Wolfy omitted it due to her human error! Colleen moved, Andrew seconded to have Dave sign the NOD; motion passed unanimously.
- c) Agreement WRTC2027-458-S15 with Watershed and Research Training Center, Department of Conservation Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program, for support of the Butte Prescribed Burn Association -Thad Walker – Additional support for the PBA, to sustain our staffing and programs through 2027. State funds through DOC (RFFCP project). Jeff moved, Andrew seconded to sign the grant agreement; motion passed unanimously.
- d) Agreement with Summitt Forests, Inc. for Concow Resilience Crain Ridge Project, Plumas National Forest -Feather River Ranger District- Wolfy Rouble - Of the 12 companies that attended the bid tour, 10 submitted bids. We had a wide variety of bids as bidders had the option between hand work or machine work on one of the units. Based on a request from our USFS partners to grapple pile brush and large debris where possible, we want to use the smaller 7-acre unit of 5B as an experiment for grapple piling brush and large downed woody debris, while we continue with good old hand-cut-and-pile on the larger 325-acre unit 5A. Because of this decision, we felt that Summit Option B3, using local company Iron Ridge Enterprises as their subcontractor, was the best value on the dollar. This allows for hand cut work on 5A at a reasonable cost (the second lowest cost), local subcontracted machine work on 5B, and machine piling of fuels (to meet the Plumas' request) on 5B. While not the lowest bid, we have worked with Summitt extensively and always find their work to be done well and expeditiously. Jeff moved, Allen seconded to approve the agreement; motion passed unanimously.
- e) Agreement with Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Sustainable Recreation, Tourism, and Equitable Outdoor Access Grant Program, Prop 68, for Colby Mountain Phase 2 -Thad Walker – Would fund Colby Mountain Recreation Project phase 2: \$500,000 to develop The Hub (new trailhead including vault toilet and picnic tables, where 5 trails will connect) and the Home Trail. Colleen asked if there will be repeat interest from some of the trails contractors who have built the trails system so far, because they have done a great job. Thad said he believed there would be. Colleen moved, Jeff seconded to approve the agreement; motion passed unanimously.
- f) Resolution 07232026 for formation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to support the Colby Mountain Recreation Project SNC (1900-RT) and WCB (WC-2595AB) -Thad Walker – Part of the grant just approved involves formation of a TAC that would be independently facilitated and collect input from trail user groups to bring to the BCRCD BOD and the Forest Service. These meetings will be subject to the Brown Act and conducted at County buildings here in Chico. – Allen moved, Colleen seconded to approve the resolution; motion passed unanimously. RFP for facilitator will go out today, a successful facilitator will be contracted with in August, and the first TAC meeting will occur in late summer or early fall.
- g) Next Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 9:00 AM, Location: Klamath

Conference Room 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA – 9:29 am

7. RCD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS -STAFF REPORTS

None

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

- a) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- b) Butte County departments
- c) Community groups

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

- a) Butte County RCD Directors and Associate Directors are welcome to report

10. ADJOURNMENT

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