



*“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**

### **Agenda**

**Date: Thursday, November 17th, 2025**

**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 9:01 am
- 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Dave Lee, Chair; Allen Harthorn, Vice Chair; Treasurer Colleen Hatfield; District Manager Thad Walker; Staff Dallas Koller. Guests Dave Brothers, Dave Steindorf and Gayland Taylor
- 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:**

- a) Review and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 10/16/2025  
Allan made motion, Colleen was seconded, Consent agenda passed unanimously.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS – Dave Lee, President**

- a) Review and approval of Financials/ Accounts Payable- Colleen Hatfield – We have operated at a deficit for the past four months which appears concerning at first. However, this is due to the flow pattern of paying our vendors and then not being able to bill our grants for reimbursement until the full project is completed. This is exacerbated on longer, more expensive projects, such as Centerville Road. Overall, we are actually in the net positive, but due to the time between reimbursement and invoicing, it appears otherwise until we are reimbursed by our grantors. There are numerous well-funded projects in the future, so we should be good to continue having well-funded work. Some programs grant funding are closing out soon and funding options are limited, such as for the Prescribed Burn Association. Allen moved to approve the financials/accounts payable; Colleen seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- b) Butte County Resource Conservation District, Designated Representative at California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, 2025/ 2026 business meetings - Thad Walker – Colleen is designated as the current standing member, as was approved last year. We need to renew or approve a new authorized representative. The annual meeting takes place this week and there are also two regional meetings in the Spring and Fall. Allan is nominated as the representative for the next year. Colleen moved to approve Allen as the new Designated Representative; Allen seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- c) Agreement with CalRecycle for Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant, FR87-25-0034, on the Bureau of Land Management, Centerville Road property. Dallas provided overview of project and Cal Recycle budget. RCD has completed multiple Cal Recycle projects in the past and is a good way to assist local landowners. Dave asked about use of fund on Federal Lands which is different from past awards. Allen moved to approve the agreement, Colleen seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- d) Agreement with Alta Archaeological Consulting, LLC for Jonesville Cabin Owners Association Cultural Resource Surveys in support of Forest Management Plan. Dallas Koller provided overview of agreement and project overview. Survey is in support of Forest Management Plan developed by CARCD staff under the guidance of BCCER Forester. Alta will be able to start survey quickly and finish before winter weather. Colleen moved to approve the agreement, Allen seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- e) Presentation of Butte Creek Strategic Action Plan and request for feedback -Friends of Butte Creek – Butte Creek, Deer Creek, and Mill Creek have been designated as salmon “strongholds”, the only ones in the central valley. Their spring runs are essential to salmon and watershed health in the valley and especially Butte County. Friends of Butte Creek partnered with the Wild Salmon Center to create an updated Strategic Action Plan for Butte Creek. Sought to identify the primary risk factors to salmon and develop mitigation strategies for each one. It’s becoming clear that a lot of work that the RCD works on currently in the forestry and fire resilience realm, is also essential to the health of the Butte Creek watershed and its salmon. Fire resilience is a primary concern as Butte Creek is the last remaining “green” watershed in Butte County. This plan is comprehensive, but still

needs additional measures and strategies. PG&E's Philbrook Reservoir and Dam plays a crucial role in regulating the amount of cold water released into Butte Creek, but is currently damaged and the implications of that could be large. Friends of Butte Creek is looking into ways to get the dam repaired and/or the reservoir deepened. Desabla reservoir also plays a critical role, but struggles with regulating water temperature as it is too shallow and often warms water as much as two degrees when it is stored there. The Butte Creek Canal will be abandoned by PGE. It is 9 miles long and would need to be remediated in some fashion. Could be a trail or fuel break. It is almost entirely located on SPI land. Little Butte Creek is a potential stronghold for Central Valley Steelhead, which are threatened. It's roughly 12 miles of untouched habitat under one large landowner, Excess Paradise Irrigation District water, could be released into it to improve steelhead habitat, as well as improve habitat health and groundwater recharge. Deadline for input to the plan is December 1<sup>st</sup> but could be pushed to December 15<sup>th</sup>. Would like to see a letter of support or push for board approval at the next BOD meeting.

- f) Next Board of Directors Meeting **Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 9:00 AM**,  
Location: Klamath Conference Room 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA

## **7. RCD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS -STAFF REPORTS**

a) Project Updates – Staff is rushing to finish many of our implementation projects before winter weather, including Centerville Rd, Colby Mountain. Federal shutdown update: Federal government has re-opened so Forest Service is mostly business as usual, The BLM partners are now back at work, and the NRCS is open again. We had a successful Maidu Cal-TREX event. Over 70 folks attended and were trained in prescribed fire. Successfully implemented prescribed fire on Berry Creek Rancheria lands for the first time in over 100 years. The Goodfire festival on Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> was well attended and was highly successful in training volunteers as well as demonstrating the importance of prescribed fire. Butte Creek house workday with staff was well attended and the project area looks excellent. Nearly 13 miles have been completed on the Colby Mountain Recreation Project. It continues to move forward and progress. Working on a grant for an additional \$3,000,000 in funding. Exploring SNC funding to complete the home trail. Wolfy was featured on NBC Nightly news about post fire seeding and restoration.

## **8. PARTNERS' REPORTS (5-minute limit per group)** No partners were present at this meeting.

- 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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