



"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 21, 2021

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, **Director** John Christofferson, **Vice Chair** Allen Harthorn, **Treasurer** Colleen Hatfield, **Associate Director** Mike Crump, **District Manager** Thad Walker, **staff** Wolfy Rogle; **Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians representation** Matthew Gramps Williford
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 agendize 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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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: Project Updates (see board packet).

6. ACTION ITEMS – Dave Lee, President

- a) Review and approval of the minutes of the BOD meeting held 8/19/2021- Dave Lee – John moved to approve, Colleen seconded, motion passed unanimously
- b) Review and approval of financials/ Audit Update - Colleen Hatfield – John moved to accept and pay the bills, including a re-issue of lost check to Dan Lipp if bank records show it hasn't been cashed; Colleen seconded, motion passed unanimously. We discussed funders that have particularly long repayment cycles (e.g. State Parks)... In the future, we will need to carefully evaluate State projects to make sure we'll be able to pay contractors on time. We discussed possibly contacting County Counsel to motivate insurance company to pay claims stemming from events of 2017. We discussed what to do when new payments come in in the last few days right before a Board meeting. To avoid waiting a month before paying contractors, we will add the recently reimbursed items to the A/P on BOD meeting day and list them in the minutes. A verbal update on payments received will be sufficient, rather than revising entire financials packet.
- c) Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI) Cancellation- Colleen Hatfield – BCRCDC is losing its EPLI (the insurance product is being discontinued by the insurer). SDRMA is not able to replace this product because BCRCDC employees are technically Allevity employees. Thad is looking into alternatives to replace this insurance product. Informational update only.
- d) Teleconferencing Requirements of the Brown Act (as amended by AB 361), Consideration of Resolution - Thad Walker – Governor's emergency proclamation allowing teleconferencing for Brown Act entities has expired, therefore we would need to adopt a resolution (renewed every 30 days, which could be on the consent agenda) to allow Directors to join by teleconference from now on. Dave emphasized the value of Board members participating in person. John moved, Allen seconded, motion passed with Dave Lee dissenting.
- e) Review and vote on proposed CSDA By-Law changes- Colleen Hatfield – As a regular voting member of California Special Districts Association, we have the opportunity to vote on their bylaw changes proposed from time to time. This is one of those times. Colleen moved BCRCDC vote to pass all proposed CSDA bylaw changes. John seconded, motion passed unanimously
- f) Cottonwood discussion, continued from last month (endowment/weed control) - Wolfy Rounge – Board directed staff to brief Myron (landowner) and Todd (lessee) on CalTrans' proposal. First through, staff needs to find out from the IPM experts how long cattle would need to be kept off the weeds post-spraying (and whether the herbicide application would have any impact on adjacent rice farming).
- g) Delegate credential for California Association of Resource Conservation District- BOD authorized representative at CARCD annual election- Thad Walker – Colleen sits on CARCD Board, so it's a conflict of interest for her to also vote on CARCD agenda items as a BCRCDC delegate. Therefore, another BCRCDC BOD representative is sought to vote as BCRCDC's representative. The time commitment is 2 Zoom meetings, Nov 10th at 4 pm and Nov 10 at 4 pm in November. Allen volunteered to be that representative! John moved BCRCDC nominate Allen; Colleen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- h) CEQA Notice of Exemption- My Sierra Woods, John Clark -Thad Walker – “Minor Allterations to Land” John moved to approve the NOE, Allen seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- i) Agreement for services of Fire Planning and Meteorology Educator -Wolfy Rougle – Allen moved to accept the agreement once Exhibit B is fixed to limit expense to \$3,000 total, Colleen seconded, motion passed unanimously
- j) Request for advance funds from WCB for Upper Butte Forest Health Initiative - Wolfy Rougle – Allen moved to approve the request, John seconded, motion passed unanimously. The WCB advance can be placed in an existing WCB account, however the \$638,357 advance from Sierra Nevada Conservancy needs to be placed in its own separate interest-bearing account. Board approved opening new account and placing Sierra Nevada Conservancy check in it.
- k) Agreement Modification with American Forest Foundation for NRCS EQIP Technical Assistance -Thad Walker – Colleen moved to approve modification, Allen seconded, motion passed unanimously
- l) Agreement with Butte County Public Works for Dixie Road Mobilization associated with Dixie Fire -Thad Walker. When Dixie Fire broke out, BCRC and its contractor lost access to the project, forcing the contractor who was already working to demobilize and remobilize an extra time. This incurred an additional cost of about \$5,000. Matthew Gramps Williford commented that he checks on Konkow Maidu cultural sites monthly in the Dixie Rd, North Fork and West Branch drainages. In checking on Dixie Rd area sites with USFS escort a couple weeks ago, he found there was a 1-cupule BRM tipped over at the Tek-tek site (Johnson homesite which is a Maidu family), apparently during stream restoration activities carried out by the contractor. Also, at lower site called Khulu village site there has been site disturbance involving artifacts that were placed at the road border during Camp Fire debris/tree removal activities. BCRC responded that a cultural resources report had been prepared to meet requirements of both CEQA and NEPA had reached out to KVBMI chair Jessica Lopez for cultural resources review and monitoring but never heard back. Board also noted multiple contractors are working in the area. Nevertheless, BCRC will address KVBMI’s concerns when a report is received.
- m) Agreement Modification with Tim Keesey- extension of agreement- Thad Walker – motion passed unanimously
- n) Review of contractor bids and Award for Phase 1 of SNC-1312, Concow Resilience Project - Thad Walker /Wolfy Rougle – John moved to adopt bid from Red Mountain Resources, with awareness a change order is probably needed to reduce overall acres based on PSWRS flagging fewer acres than originally planned. Allen seconded, motion passed unanimously
- o) Next Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, November 18th at 9:00 AM, Location: Klamath Conference Room 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA 95965

7. RCD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

- a) Staff Updates – Staff was out in meadows building beaver dam analogues last week and will likely return next week, depending on where the snow level is. BOS through American Rescue Plan Act approved \$1 million to fund 20 miles of new trails for the Colby Mountain Recreation Area. Thanks to Supervisor Teeter for championing the project and to the 42 psitive public comments or letters of

support. Access to USFS Section 34 was discussed; most desirable access point is via Broken Glass Cir over Stephen Nunes parcel. Staff will follow up to try and get written permission from Mr. Nunes. Board discussed and approved placing \$638, 357 advance from SNC into a new interest-bearing account and Chair Dave Lee agreed to undertake this task.

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

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

9. CLOSED SESSION – Directors only

- a) Personnel Discussion

10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

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