



"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

Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026

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, Vice Chair Andrew Sohnrey, Treasurer Colleen Hatfield, Director Allen Harthorn, 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 BCRC D 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 7/16/26 – Colleen moved, Allen seconded to approve these minutes; motion passed unanimously.
- b) Review and approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 7/23/26 – Andrew moved, Allen seconded to approve these minutes; motion passed unanimously.

6. ACTION ITEMS – Dave Lee, President

- a) Review and approval of Financials/ Accounts Payable- Colleen Hatfield – The financials have a few added categories: Leased Liabilities, and Compensated Absences among them. On an accrual basis, BCRC D’s bottom line is in the red by \$70,000 at the end of July; however, if reckoning on a cash basis and looking at mid-August, we are back in the black. Colleen provided both versions of the balance sheet so board members can compare the two systems. Colleen stated that all outstanding invoices over 60 days have now been paid to BCRC D; staff and Cheryl have successfully wrapped up FY 2025-26. Allen asked whether the category “interest income” includes earnings from the money market account (CalClass) where the cash reserves are kept. Colleen thanked Allen for the question and stated she would try and make sure that was clarified on the September financials. Allen moved, Andrew seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- b) Consideration of opening bank account at Golden Valley Bank for Sierra Nevada Conservancy 1900-RT, Colby Mountain Recreation Project, Phase 2 -Thad Walker – Would open a new account specifically for the advance on this grant. Each advance on an SNC grant these days would be approximately 25% of the total, or in this case \$125,000. Colleen asked if we could repurpose an existing account that has a zero balance. Thad will check with SNC. Allen moved to open a new bank account in case an old bank account cannot be repurposed (with a preference for repurposing an old one), Andrew seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- c) Upper Butte Creek Project CEQA ND -Wolfy Rougle – Now that NEPA is complete and signed, a final CEQA document for the same project is our last deliverable under the WCB planning grant, 2020132. The CEQA ND introduces little new information, but simply re-analyzes the same UBC project using California (as opposed to Federal) standards of analysis and public/agency notification requirements. Allen moved to have BCRC D sign the ND, Andrew seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- d) Minerals Permit MM-ALMBUTTECTY-2026, Scotts John Quarry, Lassen National Forest, - Wolfy Rougle – This permit allows BCRC D to harvest, from the Scotts John quarry, virtually all the rock needs for the Humbug Rd realignment project. Whether all the needed rock is actually there is a different question (which we will have our materials tester answer this coming month), but we do know it’s pretty close. The FS’ generous donation of this rock saves the project over \$1,000,000 (not that the rock is worth anywhere close to that, but the trucking from the Valley would be.) Allen moved to sign the permit, Andrew seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- e) Agreement with Grounding Leadership LLC for Colby Mountain Project Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) facilitation in support of Sierra Nevada Conservancy SNC 1900-RT and Wildlife Conservation Board WC-2595AB Grants -Thad Walker – In support of the Colby Mountain Trails Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the selected consultant will prepare for and facilitate 4 meetings of the TAC. The TAC brings together multiple trail users

including equestrian, hiking, biking and more, to ensure the final trail design meets all users' needs now and into the future. BCRCD received 4 proposals; this is the second-lowest in cost and the one the DM feels offers the best value in terms of experience vs cost. Additionally, it is one of the two local proposals. The TAC meetings will take place at BCAG in the evenings and will be Brown Act meetings. Doesn't change the fact FS is the ultimate decision-maker on its own land. Colleen moved, Allen seconded to approve the agreement; motion passed unanimously

- f) Next Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM, Location: Klamath Conference Room 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA

7. RCD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS -STAFF REPORTS

- a) Project Updates –

TSWD – BCRCD is interested in collaborating with the Konkow Band of Maidu Indians, Archaeological Conservancy, and possibly BLM on a fuels reduction and restoration project in Concow. An adjacent parcel is owned by Thermalito Sewer and Water District. Wolfy asked if any BOD members had a contact on the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. No one did.

Butte PBA Social – August 27th, 5-8 pm, Five Mile park, tri-tip and camaraderie, Board and families are welcome!

Concow Resilience Project film – Julia and Wolfy were featured in SNC's "Nature-Based Solutions" film which selects 3 projects statewide that exemplify "nature-based solutions to climate change impacts and wildfire". The film will be debuted on September 10 at the [NBS conference/summit in Tahoe](#). Could this be a future Wild and Scenic Film Festival hit???

Wild and Scenic Film Festival – RCD staff will be leading 2 of the tours this year, both on Friday, 9/25: Faith/Wolfy/Thad to Upper Butte Creek/Humbug Rd/Butte Creek House/ Colby Trails, and Dallas to Forks of Butte (with forest therapy from Blake Ellis). Sign up here: <https://buttecreek.org/film-festival/>

SNC Landscape Grant – SNC will soon award 4 or 5 "landscape scale" grants to forest health collaboratives, of which there are 15-25 or so in the SNC landscape. The Butte County Collaborative Group is one of 8 that have made it to the final stage of eligibility, and BCRCD staff (along with partners BCFSC, CAL FIRE and CSE) will play a key role in the final stages of the application process. Perhaps BCRCD will even serve as the lead applicant for this grant. (That will be decided by the BCCG membership.)

Butte TREX – Dallas continues to lead the planning for this fire learning event which will take place the first week of November, likely in Butte Valley. The focus this year will be landowners and PBA learners, "building the team".

Grants we are applying for: BLM MSA – A new 10-year agreement with BLM is being sought, with a starting ask of \$2 million (which could be increased in time). This would allow us to start meaningfully implementing the projects BLM asked us to plan using the previous \$1 million.

"BPERT" (Butte-Plumas Emergency Response Team) would be a \$4 million CAL FIRE nonindustrial private forestry grant shared between FRRCD (who would apply it to fuels reduction and restoration in the Dixie footprint) and BCRCD (who would use it to do a Round 3 of SFLAP in the North Complex footprint).

Butte PBA was awarded about \$10,000 for a new (second) QTAC setup. Thank you, North Valley Community Foundation and David Mitchell!

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

- a) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) – not present; Dan is deployed to a fire in SoCal; but Thad has spoken with him recently and NRCS and BCRCD will be working together on a Local Working Group meeting this fire, likely to be focused on Rx fire.

b) Butte County departments – none present

9. **Community groups** : Friends of Butte Creek: Two nights of films at this year's Wild and Scenic Film Festival! Thurs, Sept 24 will be "A Flock of Films" focused on birds. Pageant Theater, 70 seats available so get ready to fight birders for 'em. Saturday night, films will be shown at the Paradise Performing Arts Center. Saturday 9/26 tours (the ones not led by BCRCDeers) will feature a visit to BCEP area with Flow West's Anthony Falzone, and a tour to visit spawning pools in Butte Creek Canyon seldom open to public viewing. The plan at the BCEP area reserve is to leave the existing riparian forest intact, but remove the invasives inland from it, and grade the tailings area such that its existing big stagnant pools instead slope down to the creek.

10. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS** Butte County RCD Directors and Associate Directors are welcome to report – Everything seems to be early this year; almond harvest is 2 weeks earlier or more; peaches and apples are early. Some discussion of the best approach to improving the Cottonwood Conservation Area reservoir.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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