



*"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, November 17, 2022**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

**Location: Klamath Conference Room  
202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA 95965**

### **Or Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Join via phone +1 408 638 0968**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lee, President, 9:09 am
- 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Chair Dave Lee, Vice Chair Allen Harthorn, Director Samantha Lewis; Associate Director Mike Crump; District Manager Thad Walker, Staff Wolfy Rougle; board welcomed Guest Lyle Ferguson, business owner in Butte Valley who diverts green waste for compost/soil products, thanks to loan support by CalRecycle
- 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 BCRCO 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) Teleconferencing Requirements of the Brown Act AB 361 BCRC Resolution 01202022 Extension
- b) Review and approval of the minutes of the BOD meeting held on 10/20/2022

Samantha moved, Allen 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 - Allen moved, Samantha seconded, to approve the financial statements for October and sign all printed checks; motion passed unanimously. Dave observed we probably need to follow up with the State to see if we have a new special number (as the equivalent of a “small business”) that we need to put on invoices to make sure they pay us within 30 days
- b) Procedure Review- Payment of subcontractor (Policy 3140.2.1) -Thad Walker - These P&P updates are related to the discussion and consensus the board arrived at two months ago. Allen moved, Samantha seconded, to update the procedures as revised by Thad with Dave’s input (i.e., as presented at the meeting); motion passed unanimously.
- c) Agreement with Alta for Mud Creek VMP Cultural Resource Surveys -Thad Walker – Would be added under our agreement with CAL FIRE to accelerate environmental review by providing surveyor person-power and oversight. Samantha identified a discrepancy whereby Exhibit B identified 4,500 ac to be surveyed but Exhibit A identified 4,100 acres; it was decided this isn’t a major issue because the contract is a lump-sum and is adequate for the survey area. Samantha moved, Allen seconded, to accept the agreement; motion passed unanimously.
- d) Change request letter to Sierra Nevada Conservancy for grant #1312 - Wolfy Rougle - Samantha moved, Allen seconded, to accept the agreement; motion passed unanimously.
- e) Change request letter to Sierra Nevada Conservancy for grant #929 - Wolfy Rougle - Allen moved, Samantha seconded, to accept the agreement with the new deliverable described as “draft CEQA document”; motion passed unanimously.
- f) Change request letter to Sierra Nevada Conservancy for grant #RFFCP-962 - note there are 2 versions, SNC is asking us to sign both - Wolfy Rougle - Samantha moved, Allen seconded, to accept and sign both versions of the change requests; motion passed unanimously. Allen noted “implementating” typo on page 1.
- g) Next Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 9:00 AM, Location: Klamath Conference Room 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA

**7. RCD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

Staff Updates – Fieldwork was wrapped up in Upper Butte, prior to the snowfall. A draft meadow restoration and road decommissioning plan has been developed for the Willow Creek/Humbug Rd situation. We will soon have follow-up conversations with BCPW about this idea, which would not only be better for the meadow but would greatly reduce the maintenance costs of having to frequently fix washouts. Samantha mentioned there might be pushback on the plan because it would lengthen an existing evacuation route, if only by about half a mile. Dave observed that a evacuation route isn’t an evacuation route if it is washed out.

**8. PARTNERS’ REPORTS ( 5 minute limit per group)**

- a) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- b) Butte County departments
- c) Community groups and agencies – Friends of Butte Creek submitted a request for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding (phase II) for reshaping floodplain on Mechoopda Reserve and CDFW reserves; it totals \$9.8 million (\$8

million of construction funds). Besides construction, 3 other tasks were also included in the proposal: a habitat assessment for Butte Creek above Quartz Bowl and up to Butte Meadows, including Bolt, Bull, Inskip, Clear creeks and the West branch of Butte Creek; habitat assessment of Little Butte Cr from Magalia Resvr down to confluence with mainstem (focuses on steelhead habitat), this would take into account the future increased flow in this stream that will be required when the Magalia Dam is raised. A riparian corridor study will be conducted from the 99 crossing down to the Butte Sink (40 miles) to identify willing landowners who would be willing to conserve their lands in perpetuity to restore the functionality of the floodplain. Right now, they are hoping to develop riparian corridor easements on the Lewis (33 ac) and Wackerman properties (13 ac). Finally, the project would establish a watershed-wide working group that would coordinate work from Butte Sink all the way up to the headwaters. Dave asked if there are any temperature studies indicating salmon could survive in the upper watershed above the existing barriers. Allen reported that the last time this was done was 1998; at that time, temperatures were marginal near Butte Head Dam but were cold enough in the rest of the creek. If the Butte Head dam were removed, Allen says the temperatures in the rest of the creek would be ideal for salmon holding over-summer. There is a natural barrier (the Quartz Bowl waterfall which is only at about 1,000 feet elevation) just below Centerville Head Dam. Anecdotal legend suggests salmon can pass both barriers during extreme high water events, but they're definitely impassable the rest of the time. There has been talk at times of blasting to make Quartz Bowl passable (blasting was recently done on Deer Creek, which has a less viable run than Butte's). All that said, FERC has never required a temperature survey, plus 25 years of warming and drought have likely warmed stream temps, so it is probably time to re-do this work.

## **8. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS**

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

## **9. ADJOURNMENT: 10:08 am**

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