



"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 16, 2023

Time: 8:00 AM

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

Or Join Zoom Meeting

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lee, President – 9:02 am
- 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Chair Dave Lee, Treasurer Colleen Hatfield, Directors Andrew Sohnrey and John Christofferson, District Manager Thad Walker, Staff Wolfy Rogle
- 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.

- g) Next Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 9:00 AM, Location: Klamath Conference Room 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA. All 4 board members present confirmed their ability to attend.

7. RCD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS -STAFF REPORTS

- a) Project Updates - Colby Mtn Trails project is out to bid, with bid acceptance of course being totally contingent on the CEQA and NEPA being complete (they are close!). Bids are expected to come in around \$900,000. We'll try to have a pre-bid meeting in Jonesville before the snow flies.

Next month we will review our Allevery options/benefit plans, particularly with regard to health care, and see if we could get a more competitive package through a different organization such as SDRMA.

We provided a letter of support for a Friends of Butte Creek NOAA grant application to plan restoration and acquisition projects and would fund a 75% position at RCD as a Butte Creek watershed coordinator.

Sac Valley Durable Collaboration of RCDs: Last meeting went well. In the past, each RCD has always either sent its own representative to each CARCD meeting or not been represented at all. The new idea is to have an area representative who would attend each CARCD meeting on behalf of the 12 RCDs in the Sac valley area. Idea is that this would increase the funding and opportunities coming in to Sac Valley without costing us much or anything. The Butte County speak-off winner came in 2nd in the regional competition although Thad and Colleen testified they thought she did the best. ;)

Through CARCD's RFFCP funding, we have the opportunity to get a strategic plan completed for our RCD for free. This is a great opportunity because having a strategic plan that's updated every 5 years is a DOC requirement for achieving "Tier I" RCD status, and such a planning process would normally cost about \$12,000. The process takes about 6 months to complete and takes about 30 hours of DM time and some Board member time (not all Board members *need* to participate, at least not all to the same extent, but the process is designed to include everyone's input and priorities nonetheless). The process focuses on concrete goals and results in a stable agreement about how the RCD's time and resources should be allocated in order to support all the programs/constituencies we want to sustain.

We've had 1 applicant for DM position so far, but not exceptionally well qualified. We've heard from several people that they've seen the Forestry Program Manager position and are thinking about whom in their networks would be suitable for the position.

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

- a) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) - none
- b) Butte County departments - none
- c) Community groups – none – John asked that we reach out to Allen to give an update on Friends of Butte Creek activities next month.

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

- a) Butte County RCD Directors and Associate Directors are welcome to report - none

10. ADJOURNMENT – 9:08 am

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