



*"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-  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Agenda**

**Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

**Time: 5:00 PM**

**Location: No physical location**

**NOTICE OF TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Pursuant to California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings

in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, **the Butte County Resource Conservation District will be closing the June 18, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting to members of the public and nonessential District staff.** Additionally, members of the Board of Directors are allowed to attend the meeting via teleconference and to the same extent as if they were present.

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lee, President
- 2) **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** - Directors David Lee, Colleen Hatfield, John Christofferson, and Allen Harthorn; District Manager Thad Walker; staff Wolfy Rougle; District Conservationist Dan Taverner
- 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))

### 3) 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 BCRCDD 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.*

### 4) ACTION ITEMS –

Dave Lee, President

- a) NRCS Agreement Modification: The current agreement with NRCS for technical assistance for engineering and EQIP (17-024) is set to expire on 9/30/2020. NRCS would like to modify the agreement to add an additional \$70,000 over three years.**

A budget modification was developed and, in lieu of a new agreement, Board approval was requested to apply for a COVID-related extension on the engineering assistance agreement. This would provide \$55,000 for one year, of which \$40,000 would be for engineering, \$15,000 for EQIP assistance (conservation planning). This works out to about 727 hours of work for an RCD engineering tech employee and 272 for conservation planning). It has been challenging to find an engineering tech willing to accept these terms. Dan T. stated that if RCD is unable to fill the engineering position, RCD won't be held to the obligation to use up the hours. If necessary, RCD can still utilize the conservation planning hours without using up all the engineering hours. John moved and Colleen seconded the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Forestry Technician Position**

Thad shared the resume and cover letter from the Forestry Technician applicant; Board then went into closed session.

### 5) CLOSED SESSION – Directors only

- a) Personnel Discussion – Board voted to hire a new forestry technician, Ben Hart.

### 6) BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

### 7) ADJOURNMENT

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