



**Chowchilla Red Top  
Resource Conservation District  
Post Office Box 531  
Chowchilla, CA 93610**



*Tuesday, March 20, 2017 - 2:00 pm  
Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District  
Chowchilla Library, Chowchilla*

**I. Roll Call and Introductions**

- Flag Salute  
Jack Fry, Norm Kuhr, Tim Coelho, Jeannie Habben, Johnnie Siliznoff, Tim Coelho

**II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda**

- March 2018 Agenda
- February 2018 Minutes  
Norm K made the motion to accept the minutes and the agenda as presented with one addition; Tim C second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously

**III. Updates, Handout, and Public Comments**

- CARCD is being recommended for the full \$10 million dollars requested to assist landowners in removing dead and dying trees in the High Mortality Areas of the Sierra Nevadas. CARCD will be coordinating with over 35 partners including local RCDs to assist the hard-hit landowners. The planning meeting was on Wednesday, February 14 at 12:00 noon – this is a conference call.
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy is holding a free 2-day Grant Writing Workshop on March 22 and 23. It will be at the North Fork CDC Office at the old Mill Site.
- The next Madera County Ag Roundtable is on Friday, April 20 at 11:00 to 1:00.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual State Environmental Competition, California Envirothon is on Saturday, April 7 at the Wind Wolves Preserve, in Tejon, CA. the 2018 Theme is “Western Rangeland: Balancing Diverse Viewed.” [www.envirothon.org](http://www.envirothon.org)
- 2018 California Tribal Water Summit is an event designed to address a wide array of issues, regarding concerns from the upper watershed to the downstream beneficiaries, between the State of California agencies and California Native American Tribes. It will be from Wednesday, April 4 2018, 8:30 AM to Thursday, April 5, 2018, 4:00 PM at the McClellan Conference Center, 5411 Luce Avenue, McClellan Park, CA.
- Registration is now open for the next round of RCD Board Leadership “Boot Camp.” This is an opportunity to participate in a program designed to meet the specific needs of RCD leaders. In this training directors will build the confidence that it takes to be successful in the unique work environment of an RCD and meet other RCD directors doing the same kinds of work.

#### **IV. Correspondence & Mail**

- Correspondence

The correspondence received was the bank statement, LAFCO notice, check from DOC from the second invoice and a few periodicals.

#### **V. Financial Report**

- Monthly Treasurer's Report

Jeannie H distributed the monthly financial report. The check was received from DOC for the 2<sup>nd</sup> invoice; this will be deposited in the account. Norm K made the motion to accept the financial report as presented; Tim C second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously.

- Invoices to be Paid

The annual invoice was received for the PO Box. Tim C made the motion to pay for one year of the PO Box rental, Norm K second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously. The RCD still owes the RCD Coordinator but will pay when the account is built back up.

#### **VI. New Business**

- Spring San Joaquin Valley Regional – Area IX Meeting

The next Area IX meeting is sponsored by this RCD at the Fossil Discovery Center of Madera County. This is on Wednesday, April 4. The Minarets FFA will be doing a presentation at this meeting. The one cost of the meeting includes lunch, entrance in the museum, and the tour at the museum.

- Review DOC REV Grant

Jeannie H is researching the Web Designer. She has two bids and is working with one web designer who is working on a web design for another RCD. If this Designer works out, Chowchilla Red Top RCD will also use this one. Chowchilla High School said they would be interested in bottle water filling stations at the high school. There is the possibility of grant money for bottled water fill station – grants available from DWR and EPA. This could be a good project for the RCD to be involved with. (Drinking Water for Schools Act – [www.becausewater.com](http://www.becausewater.com))

- Review Tier 1 Annual Requirements

- Ethics Training
- Sexual Harassment Training

Jeannie H has arranged for training to fulfill the mandated ethics and harassment training in one day. This training will fulfill your Tier One mandated ethics and the newly required harassment training for two years. This is brought to you at no cost by Golden State Risk Management Authority. This will be presented by Hunt Law Firm on Tuesday, April 24, 2018; 9:00 am to 3:00pm (registration starting at 8:30). At the Madera County Library in Madera.

- Durable Collaboration – Solid Ground Consulting – May meeting

- Consolidation with Madera RCD

Chowchilla Red Top RCD met with Madera RCD under the facilitation of Jim Morris from Solid Ground Consulting. He will be assisting these two RCDs in consolidating and creating one valley RCD. This will leave three RCDs in the County; Coarsegold

RCD in the foothills, Columbia RCD in that water district, and the combined Valley RCD, whatever the name is decided for this group.

## **VII. Old Business**

- NRCS Report
  - It was recommended to the RCD to discuss the opportunities in these areas and could use funding at the upcoming Area IX meeting. Possibly wetlands restoration or other restoration projects. The NRCS office closed the recent batching period today. They cleared 45 contracts totaling \$2.5 million for a total of 9,471 acres applied. Some of these contracts were for; Tree and forest, irrigation projects, NAQI – National Air Quality Initiative, etc. FSMA (Food Safety Mechanism Act) Training – need to have someone to train the farmers in the area. This is a new federal requirement for the producers. The RCD could possibly host training sessions on behalf of the farmers or producers in the area.
  
- Board Recruitment
  - This board will continue to watch for eligible and interested individuals to serve on the board.
  
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWVG – Report
  - March 12 – Madera, Madera Govt. Center
  - April 9 – Oakhurst, Raley’s Community Room
  - The RWVG met last week. The Project List was discussed, QK has received some new projects, and they are requesting all new projects by the April 9 meeting; as well as the agency contact person. Jeannie H has been working with Sierra Institute on behalf of the Mountain County Funding Area. She completed an assigned DAC Involvement Mapping Exercise to identify community groups or “Block” groups in the region. The next MCFA meeting will be on Tuesday, March 27 from 9:00 to 11:00. Carl J provided an update and a draft scope of work from Self Help Enterprises. Another scope of work will be the P & P meter assessment. All the regions were represented at the SJVFA meeting except for Merced. They discussed working with Woodward & Curran as the consultants. The letter for Support of the SJFA Application for DAC Involvement Funding was presented to the group.

**VIII. Items for Next Meeting: April 17, 2018; 2:00pm  
300 King Avenue, Chowchilla, CA 93610**

**IX. Adjourn: 3:45PM**