



**Chowchilla Red Top  
Resource Conservation District  
Post Office Box 531  
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*Tuesday, June 19, 2018 - 2:00 pm  
Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District  
Chowchilla Library, Chowchilla*

**I. Roll Call and Introductions**

**Meeting began: 2:00**

- Flag Salute  
Jeannie Habben, Jack Fry, Norm V Kuhr, Sandra Faust, and Priscilla Baker

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

- June 2018 Agenda
- May 2018 Minutes  
Norm K made the motion to accept the minutes and the agenda as presented with one addition; Sandy F second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously

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

- The last Madera County Agriculture Roundtable was on Friday, June 15 at the Madera County Farm Bureau office. They discussed Agricultural Conservation Easements.
- A comprehensive conference on SGMA's next phase: Sustainable Groundwater Planning in California: Important practical legal, technical, business and regulatory information for preparing GSPs. This will be in Sacramento on July 26 & 27 by Law Seminars International.
- Yosemite Peace Symposium – A Gathering of Peacemakers will be presented at the Tenaya Lodge on October 26-27, 2018. They will have 12 breakouts in three tracks: Peace and the Environment; Peace and Our Youth; Peace and Human Dignity. Jeannie H has been requested to present at one of the Peace and the Environment break-out sessions. She will be presenting on "Living in Harmony with the New California Landscape." Steve Haze will also be speaking at one of the Environment break-out sessions.

**IV. Correspondence & Mail**

- Correspondence  
The board received the monthly statement from the bank and a letter from the Insurance Co asking the board to update their information, and the invoice for the 2018 to 2019 from Golden State Risk Management was received.

Jeannie H wrote a letter on the behalf of the Board to support the Madera Strategic Wildfire Mitigation Project that is being proposed by the Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council for the CALFIRE CA Climate Investment 2017-2018 Fire Prevention Grant Program.

## **V. Financial Report**

- Monthly Treasurer's Report  
Jeannie H distributed the June Financial Report. After discussion it was noted that there were no changes from last month. Norm K made the motion to accept the June Financial Report as presented; Sandy F second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously
- Invoices to be Paid  
The third quarter check was received, short \$24.87, from the DOC. With this check the board paid Jeannie H for the RCD Coordinator quarter July to September 2017 and the 2018-2019 Insurance Invoice. Norm K made the motion to pay the two invoices presented; Sandy F second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously

## **VI. New Business**

- Review DOC REV Grant  
Jeannie H has been working on the tasks for the REV grant. She completed the set-up of the newsletter for the board that will go on the Website when complete. She created four-months of newsletters. She also wrote articles that could be used for the website or other publications as needed: one for SGMA; 2 for Water Use Efficiency; and 2 for Healthy Soils. She shared these with the board for comment.  
Jeannie H also sent the website creation out to bid to two companies to get bids to create the new website. She will work with the web designer when chosen and will keep the board apprised of the progress. It was recommended that articles regarding Arundo removal and clear channels for the website.
- Review Tier 1 Annual Requirements  
This board has met all their Tier one requirements for 2018. This will be removed from the agenda until the next requirements are due.

Registration is open for the RCD Board Leadership Boot Camp taking place in Oakhurst, CA from September 7-8! Directors from all over the state are encouraged to attend. This is a rare 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.

The RCD Communications Academy is an upcoming training opportunity offered by CARCD as part of the Capacity Building Program. The Academy will launch at this year's conference and be followed by six monthly 1.5-2 - hour online webinars. The focus will be on learning specific communications and marketing approaches and on working to develop a communications plan that is specific to your RCD. The Communications Academy is also where we'll debut the new RCD "message platform," which has been in development for about six months and will provide all of us with consistent messaging and tips for highlighting our unique strengths and stories to various audiences. Additional details are forthcoming so please stay tuned!

- Durable Collaboration – Madera RCD Consolidation  
Jeannie H has been working with Allison from Solid Ground Consulting on the consolidation between Madera RCD and Chowchilla Red Top RCD. Jeannie H submitted a proposal to Central Valley Community Foundation for funding to pick-up any of the costs for the collaboration of the two RCDs. They approved supporting the RCDs consolidating and/or updating the district boundaries as appropriate.

## **VII. Old Business**

- NRCS Report  
Just processed the application for the last official deadline, June 18. Already completed about \$4 million in contracts – water conservation, drip systems, hedge rows for pollinators, tractors, etc. – have about \$2 million in contracts still waiting if funds become available.
- Board Recruitment  
There were no suggestions at this meeting, but at some point, this board needs to recruit a member that has skills working with the website when it is created. This new board member could update the website monthly with the minutes, agendas, and newsletters, etc.
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWMP – Report
  - June 11 – Madera, Government Center
  - July 9 – Oakhurst, Raley’s Community Room
 The Madera RWMP is currently working on the IRWM Plan Update to bring the Plan up to the Proposition 1 Standards. The goal is to have the update completed by September or October. The County has completed the Storm Water Resource Plan, and DWR has now requested that the SWRP become a part of the IRWM Plan. This will be added as an addendum to the IRWM Plan.

July 24th there will be a DAC workshop in Madera. There will be three workshops combined as one: Part 1- community capacity assessment, and Part 2- water/wastewater needs assessment; Part 3 – Tribal needs. The San Joaquin Valley Funding Area sent in their DAC Plan to DWR in May, they are waiting for the final approval. They have hired Provost and Pritchard and Self-Help Enterprises will be completing the DAC Needs Assessment.

## **VIII. Items for Next Meeting:**

**July 17, 2018; 2:00pm**

**300 King Avenue, Chowchilla, CA 93610**

The Board discussed going dark for one month during the summer. They discussed taking the month of July off. Norm K made the motion to go dark during the month of July with the note that if there is something that comes up that they need to address Jeannie H will be in contact; Sandy F second the motion; all voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

**The next meeting will now be on August 21, 2018.**

## **IX. Adjourn: 4:24pm**