



**Chowchilla Red Top
Resource Conservation District
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*Tuesday, September 18, 2018 - 2:00 pm
Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District
Chowchilla Library, Chowchilla*

I. Roll Call and Introductions – 2:04

- Flag Salute
Board Members: Jack Fry, Norm V Kuhr, Sandra Faust, Tim Coelho
Staff: Jeannie Habben
Partners: Stephanie Anagnoson, Madera County
Guests: Samantha Lopes – Farm Land Management Services

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- September 2018 Agenda
- August 2018 Minutes
Norm K made the motion to accept the minutes and the agenda as presented; Sandy F second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously

III. Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- 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.
- The California Association of RCDs 2018 Annual Conference registration is now open. The topic is “Celebrating Resilient Landscapes and Adaptive Communities” in San Diego, CA, November 14th-17th, 2018 at the Kona Kai Resort. Last call for early bird tickets is on September 3.
- The San Joaquin Valley Regional / Area IX Fall meeting is on Friday, October 19 at the Hanford Ag and NRCS Multi-Purpose Room, 680 Campus Drive, Hanford. This meeting will be sponsored by Excelsior/Kings River RCD and will have the annual speak-off contest. The theme of the speak-off contest is “How can RCDs help landowners reduce the threat of fires?”
- Self-Help Enterprises is conducting two Ground water workshops in October. The “Groundwater Quality & SGMA Roundtable” workshop will be on October 10 from 5 to 7:30 pm at Café 210 in Visalia. The second is “Groundwater Sustainability Plan Workshop” on October 27 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Marriott Hotel in Visalia.

- The Madera Groundwater basins will be holding a joint meeting on October 18 at 2:00. All seven GSAs in the Madera sub-basin will be at the meeting at the Senior Center to report where they are and what they are doing.
- Dinkey Collaborative at the Fresno Fair in October. They will have a booth representing the Forest Service and Dinkey Collaborative. They will be distributing a kid's activity book, Dinkey Logo sticker, and a brochure about the Dinkey Collaborative.
- Nearly 2 Billion Now Available for Eligible Producers Affected by 2017 Wildfires and Hurricanes - Agricultural producers affected by wildfires in 2017 now may apply for assistance to help recover and rebuild their farming operations. Signup began July 16, 2018 and continues through Nov. 16, 2018. Wildfires and Hurricanes caused billions of dollars in losses to America's farmers last year. Our objective is to get relief funds into the hands of eligible producers as quickly as possible. We are making immediate, initial payments of up to 50 percent of the calculated assistance, so producers can pay their bills.
- The Water Education Foundation is offering a special, free workshop on Oct. 2 at Fresno State — co-sponsored by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Foundation — that will highlight ongoing land subsidence monitoring, monitoring techniques and DWR assistance to help local agencies comply with requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). You'll also hear about results of satellite-based remote sensing monitoring being performed by NASA for DWR. October 2, 2018 – 8:15 to 2:30 at the Fresno State, Alice Peters Auditorium. Fresno, CA 93740

IV. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence
The board received the check from DOC to cover the April through June report/invoice. They also received the monthly bank statement.

V. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- Invoices to be Paid
The Board discussed the September Treasurer's Report presented by Jeannie H. Since the April through June invoice was paid by DOC, a check was written to Jeannie H for January to March expenses. Also, a check was written to pay the fee due to the Madera County LAFCO for the consolidation. Jeannie H will make copies of the packet and check to go to LAFCO and will send this to CARCD for reimbursement from the CVCF funds.
Tim C made the motion to pay the LAFCO fee for the Madera/Chowchilla RCD consolidation and January to March invoice for Jeannie H; Norm K second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously

VI. New Business

- Review DOC REV Grant
The Board discussed the remaining funds in the REV grant and how they could best be used. They requested that a letter be written to the DOC Grant Administrator to move some of the funds in different categories. Since the CVCF funds were received for the collaboration, it was requested that the funds in the LAFCO Fee category and the Facilitation category both be moved to RCD Coordinator payroll to cover further work on

RCD projects. It was also discussed that the funds in the Annual Meeting category and possibly covering the CARCD Annual Dues for a couple of years. Jeannie H will review the budget while working on this quarter's invoicing and will write the letters accordingly.

Tim C suggested a project for the RCD would be the CA drinking water for school grant. He stated that Kim Hannigan is the contact and the information is on www.waterboards.ca.gov. Jeannie H will look into this.

➤ Website – Progress

Jeannie H met with Kristina P to start working on the website. Jeannie H gave her all of the background, brochures, partners, links, pictures, and any other information that is currently available. Kristina will start working on creating the new website and populating it with the information. Jeannie H will meet with her in about a month to check on progress and what else may be needed.

• Review Tier 1 Annual Requirements

➤ Board Reappointment

▪ Jack Fry, Sandra Faust, Tim Coelho

By board action with a unanimous vote, Jack Fry, Tim Coelho, and Sandra Faust are recommended to be reappointed as Directors of the board of the Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District. Jeannie H will send the packet to the Madera County Board of Supervisors. This appointment is without a lapse in service back to the date of July 1, 2018 and will extend another full term for these appointees.

Norm K made the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to reappoint Jack Fry, Sandra Faust, and Tim Coelho to the Chowchilla Red Top RCD as of July 1, 2018 without a break in service. Sandy F second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously.

Durable Collaboration – Madera RCD Consolidation

➤ Review MSR and Application for Submittal

Jeannie H shared the application packet that will be submitted to Madera LAFCO. It contains the LAFCO Application, the newly written MSR for the RCD, the map, the two resolutions, one from each of the RCDs, and the check. Jeannie H will contact LAFCO to submit the paperwork and get this in the que to be completed by the end of 2018.

VII. Old Business

• NRCS Report

➤ Letter for fiscal year funding

Upon the RCD Board's request, Jeannie H wrote a letter to NRCS for the new funding cycle that will begin in October. It stated that the Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District (RCD) would like to express the Natural Resource concerns/needs that would support conservation and other resource requirements in Madera County and the Central Valley. The high priorities of the RCD are surface and ground water issues and irrigation water management; urban planning and development; and air quality; and wind and water erosion control and soil nutrient depletion. The letter stated that the RCD sees an importance in the need for funding availability in the areas of, but not limited to:

- Hedgerow development for species of concern – seed
 - Continued eradication of the Arundo donax in the waterways
 - Sustainable aquifer and a plan of action for groundwater recharge
 - Clear channels
 - Habitat and wildlife restoration – rebuild the flood plains
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- Board Recruitment
Any Board Recruitment is on hold until the formation of the new board with the consolidation. This will be removed from the agenda until new board can discuss.
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- Madera Region IRWMP/RWMP – Report
 - September 10 – Madera, Government Center
 - October 8 – Oakhurst, Raleys Community Room
- The Madera RWMP is currently working on:
- The Prop 1 Plan Update: Jeannie H reviewed the current draft and many corrections need to be made as well as some of the sections are missing. Eastern Madera County needs to be better represented in the Plan.
 - Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding: This covers two separate areas – the Mountain Counties and the San Joaquin Valley. Jeannie H has been working with SSIRWM to find projects that Madera RWMP can partner with to create stronger IRWM Plans. She restated her concern that the Foothills are not being properly represented in both the Madera Plan Update, as well as the Project List. Jeannie H has been working with Contra Costa WD, the main grant administrator for the San Joaquin Valley Funding Area.
 - Sustainable Groundwater Management: the Madera Subbasin and the Chowchilla Subbasin has been meeting they have been discussing water recharge through FloodMAR and WAFR.
 - Implementation Grant Project Updates: Arundo/Silt Removal Project
Surveys of the nesting areas have been completed and the completion of the project with the silt removal can now continue. The county staff has been advertising for the landowner silt removal for a couple of weeks and they have started to receive applications from some landowners.

**VIII. Items for Next Meeting: October 16, 2018; 2:00pm
300 King Avenue, Chowchilla, CA 93610**

IX. Adjourn: 3:27PM