



**Chowchilla Red Top
Resource Conservation District
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*Tuesday, October 16, 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, Sandra Faust, Tim Coelho
Staff: Jeannie Habben
Partners: Priscilla Baker, NRCS
Absent Board Members: Norm V Kuhr
Guests:

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- October 2018 Agenda
- September 2018 Minutes
Tim C 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

- Self-Help Enterprises is conducting a Ground water workshop. “Groundwater Sustainability Plan Workshop” on October 27 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Marriott Hotel in Visalia. This is the second out of two in this series.
- 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 had 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. This board was a partner to this event in the area of communication and outreach by assisting with the creation of the brochure, kid’s activity booklet and the stickers and finding sources to get these funded.
- Integrated Regional Water Management - Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement “Lessons Learned” Summit - November 8-9, 2018 in King’s Beach, CA (Tahoe) - The Lessons Learned Summit, sponsored by the Mountain Counties Funding Area, and in partnership with the Department of Water Resources and the Roundtable of Regions will take place at Kings Beach, CA.
- Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council is holding their Annual meeting on October 25. They are having a social mixer from 1 to 1:30 with a light lunch fare with a presentation on their successes from this year. This is held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building.

- The next Madera County Agricultural Round Table will be held on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Madera Community College Center in Room TM-11. This meetings discussion will include a presentation by NationWide Insurance about how to transition your farming/ranching operation to the next generation.
- 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. They are making immediate, initial payments of up to 50 percent of the calculated assistance, so producers can pay their bills.
- The Mountain County Funding Area for the IRWM Disadvantaged Community Coordinating Committee is meeting on Tuesday, October 23 from 10:00 to 2:30 at the Department of Water Resources in Sacramento. Sierra Institute and Sierra Water Workgroup will be reporting.
- The San Joaquin River Funding Area for the IRWM Disadvantage Community Coordinating Committee is meeting on Tuesday, November 6 from 9:30-11:30, this meeting will be held at the Contra Costa Water District office in Modesto. With the grant agreement with DWR expected to be executed very soon, they will be going over the DACI Grant Agreement and processes as well as the Local Project Sponsor Agreements.
- This Board wrote a letter of support for the Madera County Water Market project/grant. The County received the grant. They have not yet executed an agreement, but they are going to move ahead with some preliminary water market work. The preliminary meeting for this project is at 9-10:30 this Friday 10/19 at the Farm Bureau. This is for preliminary water market discussion before they do a "gaming exercise" next month.

IV. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence
The bank statement was received to balance to the monthly Treasurer Report; also, the reimbursement check from CARCD for the LAFCO fees was received. Also received was the Consolidation packet from LAFCO for open comments/protests – the comment period ended on October 15. This went to many partners and special districts in the county.

V. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- Invoices to be Paid
The Board discussed the October Treasurer's Report presented by Jeannie H. The reimbursement check was received by CARCD and will be deposited, bringing the balance back up. It was discussed to make a payment to Jeannie H for about half of the April to June expenses; therefore, still leaving a balance to cover any incoming invoices. Jeannie H will look to get additional consolidation costs reimbursed by CARCD.

Tim C made the motion to pay Jeannie H a partial payment for April to June; Jack F second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously

VI. New Business

- Review DOC REV Grant
 - Website – Progress
Kristina P, the web designer is currently working on the website. Jeannie H will meet with her on November 2 to review progress and see what it will take to have

the website go live by mid-December. Jeannie H will also research domain and maintenance costs for the future.

- Task List Progress
Jeannie H reviewed the REV Grant Task list with the Board. There are a couple items left for completion during this last quarter. The website and the resource library have been started and only need to be completed. Also, finalizing the Consolidation process; this will be up to the county as to how quickly this will happen. All of the paperwork has been submitted except for the “Legal Description.” It is still unknown if LAFCO will be requiring this, but Jeannie H is working on it with them. Also, depending if this all goes through the process, will predict if this will go before the County Board of Supervisors before the end of this grant.
- Reappointment Progress - Jack F, Sandra F, Tim C
This request was submitted on September 19 to the County Board of Supervisor’s office. This went before the BOS at the October 9 Board meeting for consideration of approval for reappointment. The Board voted these three back in for a term ending July 1, 2022. Jack F stated that he could not continue in the role of President and run the meetings. He is willing to continue as a signatory until the consolidation.
Tim C made the motion to have Norm V Kuhr become the President and run the meetings as precursor to the consolidation; second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously. Norm V Kuhr is now President for any future projects and to take over the chair of the meetings.
- REV Grant
 - Quarterly Invoice Signature
The fifth Quarterly Invoice and Report was completed for July through September. This was reviewed with the board to explain what was said and what was completed. The task list was reviewed, and the invoice was reviewed. Jack F signed the invoice and all the timecards for submittal.
 - Review Grant Accounting
Jeannie H reviewed the grant accounting and what categories are completed and where there is still funding available. The board requested that a Budget Change Request letter be written to move the \$2,500 from the “LAFCO Fee” category and also from the “Consolidation Facilitator” category and move them both to the “RCD Coordinator” payroll category.
Tim C made the motion to accept the Budget Change Request as presented; Sandy F second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously. This letter was submitted and signed by Jack F.

They also discussed the option of going to the Annual CARCD conference in San Diego. None of the RCD Directors can attend. The funding could be used for the RCD Coordinator to attend or it could be used for CARCD dues at 3 years for \$450/each year. After discussion, the board left it to Jeannie H to make the decision if she wished to attend the Annual Conference. They would accept her decision to attend or not. If she chose not to attend, then the funds were to go to CARCD dues and a Budget Change Request will be required.

- Durable Collaboration – Madera RCD Consolidation
 - Review MSR and Application for Submittal
 - Map and Legal Description

The packet for consolidation of the Madera Resource Conservation District and the Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District was hand delivered to the Madera LAFCO office on September 21. In the packet that was submitted was:

 - Two resolutions – one from each of the RCDs
 - Map of the newly proposed RCD
 - LAFCO Application for Consolidation
 - Newly written MSR for the new RCD
 - Check for LAFCO Fee

Since then, the LAFCO representative stated that even though they usually only accept the MSR from an engineering firm, they accepted the MSR written by Jeannie H. Also, they may still require the legal description. Jeannie H is researching this, and Priscilla B from NRCS said they could possibly assist with this. The LAFCO Hearing is scheduled for November 28.

VII. Old Business

- Area IX – Fall Regional Meeting

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?”
- Yosemite Peace Symposium – Tenaya Lodge, Fish Camp

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.
- CARCD Annual RCD Meeting – San Diego

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.
- NRCS Report

Priscilla reported that there are still people coming in regarding tree mortality issues. Trees are still standing but are dead and dying. These types of projects are getting funded because of the tree mortality issue; there are also several thinning projects going on. Next deadline is in November and this will be for tractor replacement and tree mortality. They are watching the specifics of the next Farm Bill, but they have EQIP is funding through 2019, so, NRCS is moving forward. Friday, to cover all of the meetings, Johnnie S will be attending the Regional meeting and Priscilla B will go to the Ag Round Table.
- Board Recruitment

No changes or additions to this – on hold until after the consolidation.

- Madera Region IRWMP/RWVG – Report
 - October 8 – Oakhurst, Raleys Community Room
 - November 13 – Chowchilla, City HallDraft two of the Plan Update was submitted to the RWVG. This will be reviewed, and comments must be submitted to QK by October 19 for the next review. Because of the Plan Update deadlines, the RWVG will have a November and December meeting for discussions and a vote on the Plan.

The preliminary Madera report (community capacity assessment) is on the calendar to be completed by November 2nd. This is going through the internal review process at Sierra Institute, so a draft should be completed by then. The next DAC Coordinating Committee meeting is in Sacramento on October 23rd.

Jeannie H reviewed the Draft Local Project Sponsor (LPS) Agreement that was consistent with the terms and conditions of the DWR Agreement that CCWD will execute with the State. She then also reviewed the draft agreement (including work plan, budget, and schedule) from DWR for the DAC Involvement Grant Program. This group will be meeting on November 6 in Modesto.

**VIII. Items for Next Meeting: November 20, 2018; 2:00pm
300 King Avenue, Chowchilla, CA 93610**

IX. Adjourn: 3:40PM