



**Chowchilla Red Top
Resource Conservation District
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Tuesday, November 20, 2018 - 2:00 pm
Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District
Chowchilla Library, Chowchilla
Minutes

I. Roll Call and Introductions – 2:07

- Flag Salute
Board Members: Jack Fry, Sandra Faust, Norm V Kuhr
Staff: Jeannie Habben
Partners:
Absent Board Members: Tim Coelho
Guests: Gene Red

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- November 2018 Agenda
- October 2018 Minutes
Norm K made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Sandy F second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously.
Sandy F made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes; Norm K second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously

III. Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- The Department of Conservation (DOC) has posted the draft Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Guidelines for public comment. They will be accepting comments through Friday, November 23rd with the intention of posting final guidelines and the RFP on November 30th. This program funds watershed coordinator positions to develop and implement watershed improvement plans consistent with the Forest Carbon Plan and Executive Order B-52-18. Watershed coordinators will facilitate watershed-scale collaborations, promote integrated watershed management efforts, and support local implementation activities to restore resilience to forestlands.
- CDFW has released their 2019 Proposition 1 & Proposition 68 Grant Opportunities Proposal Solicitation Notice. Additional information about the grant programs and the application process can be found on the grant program website. Deadline for proposals is December 18. CDFW will host two application workshops to provide technical assistance on the application process on November 14 and November 28. Funding will be allocated according to a diverse set of priorities for projects statewide, including:
 - \$24 million for the Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program;
 - \$7 million for the Proposition 1 Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program;

- \$4.4 million for Proposition 68 Rivers and Streams Restoration Grants;
 - \$8.8 million for Proposition 68 Southern California Steelhead Grants; and
 - \$8.8 million for Proposition 68 Habitat Improvement Grants.
- MPA Long-Term Monitoring Program 2019 Solicitation - This MPA Monitoring Program 2019 Solicitation is administered by Sea Grant in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Ocean Protection Council. This announcement invites the submission of proposals of one of two types, Qualification Request or Full Proposal Request. All applications must be submitted by December 20.
 - Brittany D is leaving her County position; she has accepted the Director position and will be working with the American Forest Foundation. Jeannie H has accepted the Deputy Director of Water and Natural Resources position with Madera County. They are in negotiations to decide where her position will fall in respect with continued work with the RCDs. Both of these changes mentioned will be officially full-time on January 2.

IV. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence
The RCD received the monthly bank statement and the LAFCO notification for the Hearing.

V. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
The Board discussed the November Treasurer's Report presented by Jeannie H. Jeannie H will look to get additional consolidation costs reimbursed by CARCD for hours. Jeannie H will add the additional checks that were required to be paid; these checks will be reimbursed by the final invoicing from the grant.
- Invoices to be Paid
This board received an invoice for \$30.00 for the Area IX - Regional Dues. After discussion, they decided to hold this invoice until January and pay it together with Madera as the new RCD. Though they did decide to pay the 2019 CARCD Dues. Other invoices paid are:
 - Go Daddy
Jeannie H paid for the domains to extend for three years and the upgrade of the website hosting to give enough speed and space for the new website to work properly. Jeannie H was reimbursed for these expenses.
 - Web Designer
Jeannie H brought the invoices for the final payment to the Web Designer, Priceless Creations; Jeannie H will mail this out.

VI. New Business

- Review DOC REV Grant
 - Website – Progress
 - Resource Library
Jeannie H created a resource library to include on the website with contact information for all of the partners and agencies that this RCD works with. This was sent to the web designer to add to the new website.

- Yosemite Peace Symposium – Tenaya Lodge, Fish Camp
Yosemite Peace Symposium – A Gathering of Peacemakers was held in October. They had three tracks: Peace and the Environment; Youth; and Human Dignity. Jeannie H spoke at one of the Peace and the Environment break-out sessions; 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 was last week, no one from this RCD attended. We will wait until the December meeting to receive a report from NRCS as to how the conference turned out.
- NRCS Report
NRCS held the Natural Resources Youth Workshop at the San Joaquin Experimental Range on Thursday, November 15. No one from NRCS attended this meeting to report how the event went.
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWMG – Report
 - November 13 – Chowchilla, City Hall
 - December 10 – Madera, Government Center
The preliminary Madera report (community capacity assessment) has been received. Sierra Institute created this first report and there will be a total of three reports when the process is completed. This is part of the first report that will have the addition of the Socio-Economic information included with the final report. The other two reports will be “Water and Waste Water Needs” and “Tribal Advisory Committee.” QK will have a third draft of the IRWM Plan Update by the November meeting. The next meeting is in Chowchilla on November 13 and because of the late completion of the Update, there will be a December meeting on December 10 at the County building.

**VIII. Items for Next Meeting: December 18, 2018; 9:00am
Dennys, Avenue 18 ½, Madera**

IX. Adjourn: 3:15pm