

Colusa County
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 15, 2016
CCRCD Meeting Minutes

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Bob Alvernaz, Gil Ramos, Ben Felt, Kim Gallagher, Tom Hickok and Beth Nall

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jay Dee Garr

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jim LaGrande

OTHERS PRESENT: Patti Turner-CCRCD Executive Director, John Loudon-Colusa County Supervisor

Ben Felt CCRCD-President called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm at the Colusa Industrial Park Conference Room.

PUBLIC/PARTNERS COMMUNICATIONS:

Turner reported on behalf of the NRCS Colusa Field Office that an applicant has received a job offer for the vacant position in the office. At this time it is not confirmed that the offer has been accepted.

Kim Gallagher reported that she is participating in the Future Water Leaders Program through the Northern California Water Association. This opportunity will teach attendees about the complicated water world. She gave a brief update on the deceptive Dam Tunnels initiative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Alvernaz to approve the February 16, 2016 minutes as mailed. The motion was seconded by Ramos and passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 absent (Garr).

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Directors received a balance sheet for the period of February 16 through March 14, 2016. The CCRCD's fund balances were as follows: checking account \$1400; petty cash account \$88.46; CCRCD General Fund (03200) \$45,026.86; sales tax (03201) \$0, CCRCD Misc. Projects (032025) \$9,083.15; Upper Stony Fuel Treatment (032031) \$0; Specialty Crop Block Grant (032026) \$4,271.87 and Clearing Account fund (032001) \$0.

The Board was presented with two (2) claims for approval: Petty Cash claim in the amount of \$11.54 and Colusa Regional Medical Center in the amount of \$110.00 for Reische's pre-employment physical. A motion was made by Gallagher and seconded by Nall to approve the financial report and two claims as submitted. The motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 absent (Garr).

CCRCD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

Turner report that as per Evan's request the original Forest Health bid from GTS Forestry Inc. was modified to include two different completion dates for tasks by unit and a correction was made to numbers that were transposed for one of the unit prices. The modified bid was approved and signed by GTS Forestry Inc. and submitted to the CCRCD for approval. A motion was made by Ramos to accept the bid from GTS Forestry Inc. and instruct the Board President to sign the contract on the CCRCD's behalf. The motion was seconded by Nall and passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 absent (Garr).

Turner informed the Board that all Directors but one have completed Form 700s for 2015.

Changing the day of the monthly meeting was discussed at length. This change was due to Associate Director LaGrande not being able to attend on Tuesdays. It was decided the best meeting date would be the third Wednesday of each month beginning with April 20th. The Colusa Industrial Park Conference Room is not available on the 3rd Monday of each month so the new meeting location will be the conference room in Suite A3 which is Felt's office. A formal motion was made by Gallagher to change the meeting night to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The motion was seconded by Nall and passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 absent (Garr).

Turner provided the Board with a mid-year budget review which included the original budget, year to date totals and recommended changes. Turner requested the Board review the document at length and approve changes at the next meeting once she also has

the opportunity to complete a thorough review also. She reminded the Board that there would be an additional review prior to the end the district's fiscal year.

Turner reported that the CCRCD received word that the NRCS Cooperative Agreement they requested was approved. Andrea Casey informed her there are specific duties that the NRCS Colusa Field Office needs Reische's assistance with. There is a rush on getting the contracting process completed but because it is a new contracting team it is unknown how long it will take. Turner requested that the Board authorize Felt to sign the agreement on the District's behalf as soon as it is received. If there should be any unexpected language in the document it would be brought back to the Board to reconsider before signing. A motion was made by Alvernaz to authorize Felt to sign in the contract if submitted as expected. The motion was seconded by Ramos and passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 absent (Garr).

CCRCD REPORTS:

Turner presented a written report on the progress of the District's active projects completed since the last board meeting. The items that were not previously reported during the meeting were noted. Some of the highlights included:

Colusa County Grown-Specialty Crop Grant: Turner reported the in-office visit with the Grant Administrator went very well. She has submitted a modified budget and workplan for approval which includes Reische's time devoted to the project.

Forest Service Cooperative Agreement: Forest Health bid reported on earlier in the meeting.

Audubon and Sycamore Family-Reische reported on her work at the ranch and serving as a mentor at the last SLEWS Day. Turner stated the Audubon contract will not be renewed at the end of June and she is uncertain if the Sycamore Family Trust contact will be renewed.

UC Davis Assistance-The fee for service endeavor is completed with 100% of the funding being spent.

Gallagher and Turner reported on the RCD Leadership Academy retreat that was held March 3-5 in Ukiah. It was a great experience which included general leadership training and exercises directed specifically to RCD's. Gallagher explained the working group she will be involved in during the next 8 months to make legislators more aware of RCDs. Turner will working on an Action Learning Project she identified to make landowners more aware of the CCRCD and NRCS thus bringing new project ideas to the district and participating in Farm Bill Programs.

Turner reminded the group that the GSRMA Ethics Training will be held on April 6th and May 12th in Williams. She has reserved a spot for Alvernaz and herself to attend the April 6th training.

Turner provided information on the CARCD Sac Valley Region Spring Meeting to be held on April 11th in Anderson. She stated reservations were needed by April 1st and hoped at least one Director would attend.

Ramos reported that the newest edition of the California Agriculture magazine had a story about how the California University system wants to partner more with NRCS and RCDs.

Turner stated that efforts are underway to create an Inner Coast Range State Conservancy modeled after the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to address conservation efforts along the foothill coast range. Leading the movement is Tuleyome. Turner state she had received a call from Bob Schneider from Tuleyome wanting to discuss the matter and possibly speak at an upcoming CCRCD meeting. She stated she will contact him as soon as she has the opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm by President Ben Felt. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 20** at the CIP conference room or Suite A3 as available.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Turner-Secretary/Treasurer-Colusa Co. RCD