



# Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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12 October 2016

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Directors Present: Warren Hutchings, Scott Powell  
Staff: Teri Van Huss, Bob Puls  
NRCS: Joe, Gennett  
CAL-FIRE: David Shy, Jeff Paul  
Guest: Michael Tharp

**Review minutes:** no quorum

**Financial Report:** no quorum

## ❖ **New Business**

**CDFA 2016-2017 SWEEP agreement** – CDFA has requested a Board Resolution for the new agreement. This is a new requirement.

**Ethics Training** – contacted by CSDA for interest in Ethics training

## ❖ **Updates**

**Workday in Three Rivers:** Joe and Bob both participated in the National Lands day, going into the riverbottoms hauling out Spanish broom. Volunteers from Lemoore and NPS in Channel Islands also showed up to help. It was highly successful.

**NRCS Forester Agreement:** Implementation and coordination needs to be done between Joe and Brian and David. Joe says Brian Rueger is coming in to work on Forest Management Plans to help landowners, especially in the areas being worked on already, or projects Cal-Fire can't get to on non-Federal lands.

**Tree Mortality Task Force:** Bob reports the work is on-going. Mtn Home Camp is working on Bear Creek, with Cal-Fire doing traffic control. Everyone is noticing that the tree mortality is much less right at the boundary of Mtn. Home Forest, a clearly well maintained forest habitat. The CARCD grant application has been submitted, with Tulare County getting a letter in on time.

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**SGMA:** Bob went to the newly formed West Kaweah sub-basin group. Questions they are asking include: How to we do this? How do we administer it? How do we govern it? Irrigation Districts and City of Lindsay are involved.

**SWEEP Projects:** Bob reported he has done two of the proposed 52 projects in Round 4.

**CDF Chipper Days / Sequoia Crest:** Update from David – the new Sequoia Crest project will start soon. David says he will use the last few days for Chipper Days also.

**People's Garden:** All gardener meeting planned for Sunday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. Lurana and Chu have created a flyer in English and Hmong regard water and mulch use, and weed control.

Administrative – Reminder from County about Form 700 requirements

**NRCS Updates.** EQIP has started back up again. Joe got with Curtis to make him aware of our Archaeologist agreements. NRCS is really stacked up on projects up north and needs help.

**Public Comment Period:** none

**Correspondence:** none

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 p.m. Next meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted, Teri Van Huss