



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Warren Hutchings, Stan Noble, Scott Powell, Walt Bentley

Staff: Teri Van Huss

NRCS: Genett Carstensen, plus visitors

Fire Safe Council: Bob Puls

Field Trip to Alpaugh, BLM/WRP project. Approximately 20 additional visitors from lots of different agencies. Jihadda Goven, Atwell Island Project Manager, took the whole group on a tour of the wetland.

During this tour, it was acknowledged that our Board President, Tom Daly, had passed away suddenly, on Sunday April 6th. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

After lunch the meeting was called to order by Warren Hutchings at 12:00 p.m.

Review minutes: The minutes were reviewed from 3/12, Stan moved to approve, Walt seconded. Aye vote ensued.

Financial Report: Financial report for 4/8 was reviewed. Walt moved and Stan seconded to approve the financials.

New Business:

Updates

Fire Safe Council: Bob reported that fire season is gearing up. To renew the water tender contract with CalFire may include making it foam-ready.

TCBB: Given that the group was touring Atwell Island there were discussions about upcoming projects for continued support to TCBB. There are about 1,000 birds that have been attracted to Atwell Island, which is good since it means they're not in a farmer's field! This year there are two colonies in Tulare County under payment from EQIP. Warren reminded the group of Tom Daly's idea for triticale to be planted at Atwell Island. The RCD Board reiterated their support for continued support of the Atwell Island project once it's current round of funding is over.

NRCS: Genett reported they are waiting on ranking criteria but the deadline to expend funds is July 1st.

Public Comment Period: None

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 14th.

Respectfully submitted, Teri Van Huss