



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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July 10, 2013

Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Tom Daly, Stan Noble, Warren Hutchings, Scott Powell

Staff: Teri Van Huss

Fire Safe Council: Bob Puls

NRCS: Joe Williams, Genett Carstensen

Guests: Marlin Daly, Walt Bentley

Meeting called to order at 12:16 by Tom Daly

Review minutes: The minutes were reviewed from 6/12/13, Warren moved to approve, Stan seconded. Aye vote ensued.

Financial Report: Teri presented a check run report through July 9th that includes an Accounts Payable list for approval and a list of Accounts Receivable, thus giving a total cash update. Warren moved, Stan seconded, the financial report be approved.

New Business:

NRCS Local Work Use Committee – Joe Williams, DC, NRCS. Joe states that the RCD serves a vital role in assisting NRCS in assembling local programs and assisting with priorities. Joe says the RCD should bring to the table new ideas, concerns – i.e., air and water quality – as well as reviewing the plan the staff is making. Next month Joe will send a report to Curtis. The Farm Bill will have an effect on this planning process also. Tom brought up that Extension will soon not be doing noxious weed control – he asks the local office to help the RCD with the resources to keep the program going.

Project Updates

TCBB – Elizabeth says there is another portion of the Wetlands Restoration plan contract with BLM that will help the tricolored blackbirds be attracted to the wetlands instead of the dairies. There is a 3-year contract for the RCD to hold – this current year will need two contractors (Jack Mitchell and a CCC crew) – to do the practice. BLM will plant triticale to attract the birds. The 3-year contract was signed for \$94,500 with about \$30,000 per year for the contractors.

Project updates were given by Teri based on communication with David and Bob.

- SNC Mtn Home Project – Masticator was down for a couple weeks in June. The first invoice and advance documentation was received and reviewed by SNC.

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Barbara Harriman called and said she likes what we have done with the interesting bearing account issue and the way we plan to move forward.

- Ponderosa Fuel Break project – Shannon Bros. will probably start in September and October.
- Sequoia Crest – Brian is working on the CEQA docs (archaeological report and Environmental Checklist).
- CHIPP at Johnsondale – Brittany from Y/S RC&D did a field visit to speak with the community and let them know what is needed to set up the CHIPP program.
- Board Director search. Still looking for someone. Walt Bentley is potentially interested and will be given information on RCDs.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment Period: No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Next meeting is August 14th, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Van Huss