



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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March 11, 2012

Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Tom Daly, Scott Powell, Stan Noble

Staff: Teri Van Huss

Fire Safe Council: Bob Puls

Weed Management Area: Andrew Isner

NRCS: Mark Davis, Genett Carstensen

Meeting called to order at 12:28 by Tom.

Minutes from the March 14th meeting were reviewed. Stan moved, and Scott seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Aye vote ensued.

Financial Report: Teri submitted a balance sheet and revenue/expenses report for 3/31/12. A check run for March was included also. The RCD has approximately \$35,000 of unrestricted funds at present.

NEW BUSINESS

People's Gardens – work is proceeding on Goathead Garden on Leslie St. Bob created a road through the site and spread composted manure with his backhoe. Bob and Teri rented a tractor and 6' wide rototiller and tilled the entire garden.

Form 700 - still need forms from Scott and Brian

Weed Management Area - Andrew Isner reports they are still running their cost share program – got a grant from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, partnering with SRT, and have turned in one to CDFA/Forest Service Leading Edge grant. Spray program is going well. They hope to help out the surface mines with weed-free aggregate. Concentrating on 1,500' in elevation through the whole county, with priority on those lands close to federal lands.

CAL-FIRE has an agreement ready for the water tender, but they aren't here today.

CADF&G – Krista is working on the MOU. They were not able to attend today.

IRWMP – Bob and David have sent information to the Board with updates. Y/S RC&D has requested that we partner with them on being the lead for the next phase of the IRWMP. Discussion ensued. There is a 5-hour meeting tomorrow to discuss who will manage the next phase. The Board direction to Bob Puls is to tell Steve Haze at Y/S

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RC&D that we will support their involvement to manage the IRWMP but we don't want to partner with anyone. If the application does not come through we will drop out.

Fire Safe Council – will have a website created through CARCD. Has been attending the Monache Environmental Academy Council that is getting off the ground. CAL-FIRE has offered intern jobs for GPS tasks. CARCD meeting in Chowchilla – Bob met Tom Wehri who talked about how RCDs create administrative money. Working with PG&E to get a snowcat donated.

NRCS Report Over \$7 million for EQIP, with 650 applications.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Next meeting is May 9th
Respectfully submitted,
Teri Van Huss