

Colusa County
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

October 4, 2017
CCRCD Meeting Minutes

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Bob Alvernaz, Ben Felt, Beth Nall, Jay Dee Garr

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Tom Hickok, Gil Ramos, Kim Gallagher

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT: Amy Gibbon, George Green, Jim LaGrande

OTHERS PRESENT: Patti Turner-CCRCD Executive Director, Wendy Krehbiel-Colusa NRCS, John Loudon-Colusa County Board of Supervisors, Jackie Filter-CCRCD Natural Resource Coordinator

Ben Felt, CCRCD President called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm at the Colusa Industrial Park Conference Room

PUBLIC/PARTNERS COMMUNICATIONS:

John Loudon reported that the hospital should open sometime in October and will be a destination hospital. He thanked the CCRCD for their letter opposing cannabis growing in Colusa County.

Wendy Krehbiel the NRCS Colusa Field Office District Conservationist reported that Colusa County received \$1,793,656 in Farm Bill funding for 2018. The CCRCD commended the Colusa Field Office for their outstanding work in helping producers in the county.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Alvernaz to approve the September 20, 2017 minutes as mailed. The motion was seconded by Garr and passed with 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 3 absent (Hickok, Ramos, Gallagher).

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The directors received a balance sheet for the period of September 20-October 3, 2017. The CCRCD's fund balances were as follows: checking account \$1,400; petty cash account \$69.32; CCRCD General Fund (03200) \$20,057.90; sales tax (03201) \$0; CCRCD Misc. Projects (032025) \$5,795.81; Upper Stony Fuel Treatment (032031) \$0; Specialty Crop Block Grant (032026) \$777.35 (pro-rated compensated absences earned but not used prior to the ending of the project and July payroll taxes and benefits); DOC Fund (032027) has a balance of \$2855.40 and Clearing Account fund (032001) \$0.

The board was presented with one (1) claim for approval: Petty Cash in the amount of \$30.68. A motion was made by Garr and seconded by Nall to approve the financial report and claim as submitted. The motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 3 absent (Hickok, Ramos, Gallagher).

CCRCD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

Turner brought up the potential of the CCRCD participating as a partner for a USDA Farm to School proposal the Education Village will be creating as soon as the Request for Proposals is released. The idea is to have an onsite AG learning center utilizing 3 acres of land and the existing facilities available at the Village. Turner also stated there are two groups talking about having a Harvest/Waterfowl Festival in

Colusa County in the fall of 2018. She stated this would be a good opportunity for the CCRCD as well as their Colusa County Grown Program.

Jackie Filter's presentation about the CCRCD was rescheduled for directly following the business meeting.

CCRCD REPORTS:

Turner provided a written summary of the activities associated with the CCRCD projects during the past month. She reviewed the tasks not previously discussed during the meeting.

- **Colusa County Grown:** Turner reported the next CCG Board meeting will be held on October 16th.
- **Forest Service Cooperative Agreement:** The grant terminated on September 30, 2017. Turner has submitted the final report and final invoice to the Forest Service. Both Gary Evans and she have talked to the Forest Service concerning the pending prescribed burn that could occur in mid-October. Evans has informed her the Forest Service is planning on utilizing the landowner permission letters that he had signed during the period the grant was effective. He reminded the Forest Service on a number of occasions the grant with the CCRCD has terminated. Evans told the Forest Service there are still Title III funds earmarked for the project through the CCRCD. Turner requested that the CCRCD be kept in the loop concerning activities involving private lands in the forest.
- **Department of Conservation Capacity Building Funding;** Filter is still working on the presentation about the CCRCD and the bi-annual newsletter. Turner will submit the first report and invoice for activities between June 1-September 30th prior to the end of October.
- **NRCS Cooperative Agreement:** Filter continues to work on farm plans for NRCS, attended NRCS field visits and staff meetings, and is working on becoming certified as a conservation planner. She performs courtesy calls for the NRCS, interacts with landowners on contracts, and is in charge of making sure NRCS meets their demographic needs of Colusa County landowners; she is also in charge of updating NRCS area plant databases.
- **HSP Workshop Assistance:** The invoice and reporting documents were submitted to CDFA for payment. The invoice amount was \$4,859.27
- **SWEEP Evaluations:** One additional project site has been completed and ready to be evaluated, the site visit will take place on October 18th.

Turner reminded the board we are hosting the CARCD Sac Valley Region Fall Meeting and Regional Speak-Off Contest on Oct 17th at the Williams Community Center. She encouraged all Directors to RSVP and requested help setting up for the morning of the event at 8:00 am.

Turner stated the schedule for the CARCD Conference has been posted on the website. She reminded the group there were funds in the DOC grant for Directors and Associate Directors to attend the free day of training on Wednesday November 15th. She read the sessions that would be of interest to the board.

The CCRCD's Speak-Off Contest to be held directly following the meeting was discussed. The timer will be Felt, the judges will be Gibbon, Green and Filter, and Turner will be the MC. There are two contestants signed up, both from Pierce High School.

Turner stated the Golden State Risk Management Association's (GSRMA) annual conference will be held on October 19th and 20th. She read the list of training that could be of interest to the board. She encouraged Directors and Associate Directors to attend this outstanding event. Attendance will help lower insurance costs and CCRCD travel expense will be reimbursed by GSRMA.

Turner inquired if the board was interested in having a Holiday dinner as in year's past. The matter was tabled until the November 21st meeting when the Board will have a better handle on their December schedules and commitments.

Turner inquired if the Board was in support of obtaining only two bids for website assistance to redo the CCRCD's website. After much discussion a motion was made by Nall and seconded by Garr for Turner to place the item on the November agenda and bring the two existing bids for consideration and possible action to award the contact.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm by President Ben Felt. The next regular monthly meeting will be held at 5:00 on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 in the CIP Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Turner-Secretary/Treasurer-Colusa Co. RCD

AFTER MEETING NOTES:

Directly following the meeting Jackie Filter gave a draft PowerPoint presentation she prepared about the CCRCD. The presentation will be given throughout the community to increase knowledge and support for the district. Her time to create and present this program is paid for by the DOC RCD Capacity Building grant to increase visibility of the district and seek project ideas.

The CCRCD held their annual Speak-Off Contest. This year's theme was "How Can RCD's Better Involve Their Communities in Conservation?" One contestant from Pierce High School competed in the contest. Carlyn Marsh did an excellent job with her fully memorized speech and received a well-earned first place award. She will move on to compete at the regional contest on October 17th in Williams.