

**Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
September 21st, 2016 – 5:30pm  
TCRCD/NRCS Partnership Office: 77 N. Washington St. Sonora, CA 95370**

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Stuart Crook, Stephen Dietrich, Kirk Ford, Missy Marino, Maiya Morrison, Jim Phelan, Jennifer Sorensen, Galen Weston

**Public Comment**

*(5 minutes per item maximum) We would like to welcome the members of the public who have taken the time to bring their concerns to this meeting. Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. This need not be related to any item on the agenda; however, the Board cannot act on an item unless it was noticed on the agenda.*

**Consent Calendar**

*Items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed for discussion and made a part of the regular agenda at the request of a member of the Board. An announcement shall be made after the Consent Calendar is read, and before action is taken on any item, that the public may address any item on said Consent Calendar.*

1. Approval of Minutes for August 2016 Board Meeting.
2. Acceptance of Program Update Report.

**Business**

1. Discussion and action related to Financial Report.
2. Discussion and action related CARCD Tree Mortality RCPP Grant Proposal.

**District Manager Update**

**NRCS Update**

**Correspondence and Announcements**

**Other Matters at the Discretion of the Chair**

**Adjournment**

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**Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 17th, 2016 – 5:30pm  
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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Stephen Dietrich, Kirk Ford, Missy Marino, Maiya Morrison, Jim Phelan, Galen Weston

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Approval of Minutes for July 2016 Board Meeting.
2. Acceptance of Program Update Report.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented by director Marino, second by director Phelan, motion passed unanimously.

**Business**

1. Discussion related to update from NRCS Soil Survey Team. Presentation by NRCS Soil Survey team leader Theresa Kunch, discussion by board on survey results and timelines, as well as possible soil monoliths project.
2. Discussion and action related to 2015/2016 Financial Report. L. Mattos presented the end of year financial report for 2015/2016.
3. Discussion and action related to acceptance of the TCRCD Water Quality Monitoring Manual. Introduction by L. Mattos and overview by K. Kelly. Discussion by board members, motion to accept by director Phelan, second by director Marino, motion passed unanimously.
4. Discussion and action related to Letter of Support for Tuolumne Main Canal Fuel Reduction Project. Overview by L. Mattos, supporting comments from board. Motion to provide letter of support by director Marino, second by director Dietrich, motion passes unanimously.
5. Discussion and action related to CARCD Capacity Building Program. Overview of program and process by L. Mattos, updated contract information provided by board members.

**District Manager Update:** L. Mattos gave a short report which included the Great Sierra River Cleanup event at Don Pedro, as well as SNAP program updates.

**NRCS Update:** A. Rocha gave a short report on NRCS programs and Tree Mortality.

**Correspondence and Announcements**

**Other Matters at the Discretion of the Chair**

**Adjournment**

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September 16, 2016

To: Board of Directors  
Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District

From: Stephanie Suess  
Program Manager

Re: September 21, 2016 Staff Report

Staff has met with the Tuolumne County Superintendents to discuss opportunities for education, water assessments and demonstration projects which may be available through the Water Conservation and Small Landowner Program. To date, we have preliminary site visits scheduled with Tioga and Sonora High Schools (specifically Wildcat Ranch), as well as Twain Harte and Chinese Camp Elementary Schools. We expect to conduct full site assessments with participating schools from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of October. In addition, we are in the final stages of determining the scope of work for the Waldorf School installation, which is scheduled towards the end of October.

Staff attended “Teacher’s Night Out” on September 15<sup>th</sup> with the TCRCD sandbox as well as the Stream Team monitoring equipment. In addition to individual teachers asking for presentations, the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools has asked to team up with the TCRCD on a watershed education program as part of their own grant funded STEM project which has been focusing on integrated science “through the lens of environmental science”.

A preliminary site visit with the Bureau of Reclamation was also conducted as to the possibility of a demonstration site at the New Melones Visitors Center.

Staff is working on conducting a series of “Teacher’s Seminars” in conjunction with Ag in the Classroom, focusing on both agriculture and natural resources.

Since the last TCRCD Board meeting, staff has confirmed with NRCS Soil Survey that we will be contracting for the creation of two soil monoliths from our region; soil types yet to be determined. Monoliths will be constructed during Spring of 2017.

**Events:**

Great Sierra River Clean Up September 17<sup>th</sup>, New Melones Reservoir in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation

October 6<sup>th</sup> Field Day on the Farm, Mother Lode Fairgrounds