

**Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
May 18, 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 April 20th, 2016 Board Meeting.
2. Acceptance of Program Update Report.

Business

1. Discussion and action related to DRAFT 2016-2017 Budget and Financial Report.
2. Discussion and action related to NRCS Tree Mortality Cooperative Agreement.
3. Discussion and action related to comments on UCCE Central Sierra Positions.

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
April 20, 2016 – 5:30pm
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Call to Order - 5:41pm

Roll Call: In attendance - Stuart Crook, Stephen Dietrich, Kirk Ford, Missy Marino, Maiya Morrison, Jim Phelan

Public Comment - No public comment.

Consent Calendar

1. Approval of Minutes for March 16th, 2016 Board Meeting.
2. Acceptance of Financial Report.
3. Acceptance of Program Update Report.

Director Marino moves to accept the consent calendar, director Phelan seconds, directors Crook and Dietrich abstain from minutes, motion passes unanimously.

Business

1. Discussion and action related to Central Sierra CARCD Region Spring Meeting, May 23rd, 2016. District Manager updated the board, there will be a SCRMC meeting at the Spring Meeting, director Ford will attend. Discussion about WIP assessment with board and Program Manager, board gave direction to provide feedback to SNC.

Strategic Planning Session of the Board of Directors

(Continued from February Board Meeting.) - Continue to May.

District Manager Update - Overview of upcoming workshops.

NRCS Update - A. Rocha gave an update on the Tree Mortality Community Forums. Discussion by Board about issue of tree mortality. Upcoming NRCS review.

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Adjournment - 6:37pm

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May 13, 2016

To: Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors

From: Stephanie Suess, Program Manager

RE: Program Update

Education and Outreach

On Saturday, April 30th, the District partnered with Groveland Community Services District (GCSD) and Sierra Watershed Progressive to host a greywater workshop featuring a “how to” on branch drain installations. On Thursday, May 5th, the TCRCO sponsored a Water Conservation Professional Forum to discuss best management practices (BMP’s) for the design and installation of greywater and rainwater catchment systems featured speakers included Robert Kostlivy, Tuolumne County Environmental Health Director and Regina Hirsch of Sierra Watershed Progressive. Attendance for both events was small; as such, a new approach to community education and outreach is being considered.

The program’s goal is to create *lasting* educational impacts throughout the region. Staff has been looking into creating short “how to” videos on BMP’s and “info graphics” that would be accessed through our website. This has been well received by the agencies on the Calaveras side of the river; staff will be meeting with Tuolumne County agencies before the end of May. The important question to be addressed is how to account for regional match on such a program. Website “hits” can be accounted for; but beyond that, what else could be captured will need to be addressed.

Mobile W.A.T.E.R. Learning Lab

The learning lab is almost complete; it will make its fully functional debut at the June 11th Eco Summit, and then the Mother Lode Fair. As part of the lab’s education component, staff will be offering one-on-one assessments for landowners as to how best to understand and map out their property’s potential for greywater, rainwater and/or stormwater catchment and reuse. Having this in hand, the practices demonstrated within the mobile water learning lab will become more understandable and relevant.

Pilot Projects/Demonstration Sites

Staff has been reaching out to local schools, both public and private, for their consideration in the development of greywater, rain water and/or stormwater demonstration sites. The hope is to target those schools that have established vegetable gardens and/or livestock pens. These sites would provide access to the public, provide a captive audience that is educationally focused and perhaps offer a needed benefit in “food” production for students and their families. Staff has also begun having more in depth conversations with Master Gardeners and UC Extension.

Dear Tuolumne Resource Conservation District,

The University of California Cooperative Extension is currently in the process of identifying the next round of academic positions to address programmatic gaps and emerging needs throughout the state. As the Director for the UCCE Central Sierra, I have submitted justifications for two academic advisor positions that would cover the Central Sierra region (El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties). The positions include:

[Area Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor - Central Sierra MCP](#)

[Area Plant Science & Local Food Systems Advisor - Central Sierra MCP](#)

To give you a brief outline of the process, every couple of years the University puts out a call for positions. The last call was put out in 2014, and 123 positions were submitted. Based on feedback by Campus Deans/Chairs, UCCE County Directors, county based partners and clientele, the University prioritized the list and has used that list for recruitments for the past 2 years. Over the past 2 years the University has used that list to hire nearly 45 new campus and county based cooperative extension academics. From that 2014 call, I submitted three positions within the Central Sierra region including; livestock and natural resources advisor, Nutrition Family & Consumer Sciences Advisor, and a Small Farms – Local Food Systems Advisor. Of the three submitted, I received approval for the Nutrition Family & Consumer Science position. That position was filled last fall but recently became vacant. We will be recruiting for that position again shortly. The other two positions ranked very high, but with needs all over the state we just missed the cutoff.

It is time to reprioritize and make sure we are meeting clientele needs. From the current call that just closed, 139 positions were submitted. I feel the above two positions could greatly benefit our clientele and the agricultural community. As part of the prioritization process, I want to make sure our partners and key stakeholders have a chance to make comments on the positions.

The public comment period is open through July 11, 2016. If you would like to make a comment on any of the positions including the two above, please click on the links above or visit http://ucanr.edu/sites/anrstaff/Divisionwide_Planning/2016_Call_for_Position/ and it will take you to the comment page. Your comments will greatly benefit the process.

Thank you,
Scott Oneto
Farm Advisor / Director



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