

**Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
May 17th, 2017 - 5:30pm
TCRCD/NRCS Partnership Office: 77 N. Washington St. Sonora, CA 95370**

Our mission is to identify and meet the natural resource conservation needs of all the people of Tuolumne County and its future generations by providing leadership through educational, technical and financial support for valuable, voluntary services and programs that promote conservation and sustainable agriculture, while maintaining our county's rural heritage.

Call to Order

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

Business

1. Presentation by Tuolumne County Land Trust on Trails Project and Clean up Locations.
2. Discussion and action related to Approval of Minutes for April 19th, 2017 Board Meeting.
3. Discussion and action related to May 2017 Financial Report.
4. Discussion and action related to DRAFT 2017 - 2018 TCRCD Budget.
5. Discussion and action related to Donation of Vehicle to District and TCRCD Vehicle Policy.
6. Discussion and action related to TCRCD Grant Program Updates:
 - a. Landowner Stewardship Program
 - b. Water Conservation Program
7. Discussion and action related to T-S IRWMA Administration.

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 19th, 2017 - 5:30pm
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Call to Order: 5:36pm

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

Public Comment: No public comment. Guest Bob Dean, Chair Calaveras County RCD.

Business:

Discussion and action related to Approval of Minutes for January, February and Special April 2017 Board Meetings. Motion by director Phelan, second by director Morrison, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and action related to Report on CARCD Regional Meeting and SCRMC Meeting. Presented by director Ford and Bobette Parsons, meeting included presentation on NRCS, tree mortality, and seedlings available through El Dorado RCD. Update on SCRMC included new GIS contractor and additional funding for pilot project. Discussion by the board on the opportunities of doing the pilot project on the Calaveras River.

Discussion and action related to April 2017 Financial Report. No action.

Discussion and action related to TCRCD Grant Program Updates:

- * Landowner Stewardship Program

- * Water Conservation Program - Director Ford discussed the flyer that was produced by ATCAA and CCWD, Conservation Technician is working on creating a similar flyer. Bob Dean offered 2nd Saturday in September Native Plant Society as a location for outreach.

Discussion and action related to T-S IRWMA Administration. Presented by District Manager Lindsay Mattos

Discussion and action related to Reviewing and Accepting Bids for NRCS Forestry Contract. Director Ford presented the agenda item including responses to notice. Motion to authorize the District Manager and Board Chair to finalize negotiations with California Reforestation by director Morrison, second by director Phelan, discussion by the board on funding source, motion passes unanimously.

Discussion and action related to Revision of Conservation Program Technician Position. Overview of staffing by director Ford, discussion of costs associated staff. Probationary period of 6 months. Recommendation to modify our staff allocation for the year to have the Conservation Technician Position be a full time position. Motion by director Weston, second by director Morrison, motion passes unanimously.

NRCS Update

District Conservationist Report: Provided copies of recent press releases and provided some background on past experiences. Jackson office currently has two open positions. Report on EQIP, Conservation Planning requests, and Partnerships provided to the board. Potential opportunity for another cooperative agreement. Discussion of EFRP, Emergency Forest Restoration Program, though FSA for funding, additional details to be provided. Discussion of CIG, Conservation Innovation Grant, funding opportunity which is due June 7, 2017, cap of \$75,000.

Soils Update: Theresa Kunch gave an update on the Monolith project.

Correspondence and Announcements: None.

Other Matters at the Discretion of the Chair: Director Weston discussed the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and the water quality coalitions.

Adjournment: 7:32pm

May 12, 2017

To: Board of Directors
Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District

From: Carolyn Lanza
AmeriCorps Watershed Technician

Re: May 17, 2017 Staff Report

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival was on May 6th at Indigeny. Since it rained, the location was moved inside to the brick house. Roughly 35 people were in attendance and we raised over \$500 to go to Stream Team. Silent Pine played during the social hour, while people purchased Old Skool Pies. Dodge Ridge sponsored the event by donating \$100. Union Hill Coffee, SNAC, and Mountain Sage offered their services to help sell tickets prior to the event. SNAC and Indigeny donated items to be sold at the raffle.

Stream Team had another monitoring day on May 6st. Eighteen sites are being monitored for dissolved oxygen, conductivity, turbidity, temperature, and pH. Ten students from Columbia College split into four groups to monitor all eighteen sites.

Events:

Stream Team Monitoring, June 3th, at TCRCD office

Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District: Program Update

Submitted by: George Croft, Program Technician

May 11th 2017

Since the April Board meeting, the district has continued to make progress implementing and designing its several rebate programs with TUD having already submitted a draft of their first spreadsheet for reimbursement of 13 toilets and 5 showerheads. This brings the total water savings acquired by the program during the month of April to 367,000 gallons, as well as generating \$1,504.79 in match after cost.

The rainwater catchment rebate has continued to receive inquiries from homeowners that have either seen flyers posted in various hardware stores, or heard of the program through friends. Two applications have been submitted for a combined total of 13,590 gallons of water savings claimed by the program. The district has also begun production of a series of short films, in collaboration with CCWD. One leak detection video has already been completed, and filming of another video is scheduled to take place during the Calaveras County Fair.

Additional programs that have been designed but have not yet been implemented are as follows.

- District Water Savings Program Rebate:
Rebate on the material cost of rebate and giveaway programs financed by other districts.
- District Promotional Advertising Rebate:
Rebate of costs incurred by districts advertising for past and current rebate/ giveaway Programs.

Upcoming events:

Calaveras County Fair, May 18-21st
Motherlode Fair. June 7-9th