

**Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
April 15, 2020 5:30pm**

Teleconference Information

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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. Discussion and action related to March Meeting Minutes.
2. Discussion and action related to COVID 19 and District Operations.
3. Discussion and action related to Financial Update.
4. Discussion and action related to NRCS CARCD Memorandum of Agreement.
5. Discussion and action related to CARCD/Dept of Conservation Town Halls.
6. Discussion and action related to TCRCO Grant Program Updates:
 - a. Landowner Stewardship Program
 - b. Water Conservation Program/Landowner Resiliency Program
 - c. RCPP Forestry Program
 - d. Pending Project Proposals

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
March 18, 2020 5:30pm
TCRCD/NRCS Partnership Office: 81 N. Washington St. Suite B, Sonora, CA 95370**

Teleconference Information

Dial-in number: 401-283-4162 PIN: 30246

Webcast: <https://www.uberconference.com/tcrcd>

Call to Order: 5:31pm

Roll Call: Stuart Crook, Stephen Dietrich, Kirk Ford, Jim Phelan

Via Teleconference: Missy Marino, Galen Weston, Bobette Parsons NRCS

Public Comment: None.

Business

1. Discussion and action related to February Meeting Minutes. Director Marino moves to approve the minutes, second by director Dietrich, motion passed unanimously. Roll called, 1 member absent.
2. Discussion and action related to NRCS CARCD Memorandum of Agreement. Agenda item presented to the board by B. Parsons. Discussion by the board regarding the requirements placed on the RCD by entering into the agreement. Motion by director Phelan to postpone action on MOA, second by director Crook, motion passed unanimously. Roll called, 1 member absent.
3. Discussion and action related to TCRCD Grant Program Updates. L. Mattos gave updates on each of the grants and three grant proposals that have been submitted. There are two grant opportunities through the Department of Conservation this Spring that the RCD could apply for funding through.
4. Discussion and action related to Financial Update. L. Mattos provided a brief update which included an estimate from SDRMA regarding liability insurance.

District Manager Update: L. Mattos gave an update on the COVID 19 situation as it relates to district operations and current grant projects. L. Mattos also provided an invitation for the RCD to collaborate in a Forest Gathering that is in the planning stages with the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk.

NRCS Update: Written report submitted by B. Parsons. Discussion of report and NRCS staffing at the Jackson office.

Correspondence and Announcements: None.

Other Matters at the Discretion of the Chair: None.

Adjournment: 6:35pm

USDA-NRCS Report by Bobette Parsons, District Conservationist, Jackson LPO
April 2020

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- CRS and CRT Surveys completed for 2019 contracts.
- Administration on-going on 109 active conservation contracts to treat 52,069 acres.
- Federal funding of 6.4 million dollars obligated for conservation activities in active contracts.
- Implementation and Final inspections for contracted practices remain active in spite of COVID19.
- Engineering designs for 2018 - 2019 practices in progress using NRCS Engineer from Elk Grove.
- First Ranking for regular non-air quality EQIP FY20 May 8, 2020 and RCPP May 15th.
- Ranking for CSP June 5th.
- Second ranking deadline June 26th both EQIP and RCPP.

Conservation Planning 2020

- On-going requests for assistance being received, with needed planning on Tree Mortality, Catastrophic wildfire recovery, General forestry, RCPP crisis to opportunity, Rangeland and Cropland acreages.
- There are 28 requests for planning on Rangeland.
- Rangeland planning priority on applicants without adequate livestock water.
- Plans being prepared for FY20 EQIP funding on forestry, range and cropland projects.

Staff Updates

- Continued search for NRCS Range Conservationist, closing deadline was April 4th.
- Rehire of the Jackson LPO Engineer position approved by NRCS, advertisement contingent on space being provided.