



**Madera/Chowchilla  
Resource Conservation District  
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**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – 5:00-6:00PM**

- I. Call to Order: 5:06PM by Norman Kuhr**
    - A. Director Roll Call  
Attendance was in person at the FSA office located at 425 N Gateway Dr, Ste K, Madera, CA. Directors: Norman Kuhr, Mike DeLaGuerra, Matt Angell, Tim Coehlo; Staff: Amy Siliznoff, Kevin Reyes, NRCS: Mira Dick, May Yang, Sawn Neal
  - II. Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

No additions or changes were made.
  - III. Approval of Minutes**
    - A. **Approval of March Meeting Minutes** – Motion was made by Mike DeLaGuerra to approve the Meeting Minutes, there was a second by Matt Angell. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.
  - IV. Correspondence & Mail** – CSDA magazines, Check from East Stanislaus for CDFA Ag Conservation Planning Grant: \$49,500
  - V. Public Comments** – No public comment.
  - VI. Reports**
    - A. Madera County SGMA Update/GSAs – Amy Siliznoff
      - Madera Subbasin – turned in periodic evaluation and amendments for all 4 plans in January; have not heard from DWR
      - Chowchilla Subbasin and Delta-Mendota Subbasins – hoping for State Board to shift both subbasins back to DWR
    - B. NRCS Report – Mira Dick
      - NRCS newest staff is Sean Neal who started in October, 2024. Another new staff member is May Yang. She was with the Visalia RCD for three years before coming to NRCS. She has a lot of planning experience and knowledge about technical assistance.
      - Taylor is part-time, but will be back to full-time status in a few months.
- RCD Report: Board Action Items and Discussion Topics**
- C. CDFA Mobile Irrigation Lab (I)(A) – Kevin Reyes
    - Our program will run from March through November this year. We'll continue providing irrigation evaluations through Almond Board funding after June 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - There are 2 evaluations scheduled for the next two weeks. East Stanislaus isn't available to assist in the future. There are 4 evaluations in progress. 2 are completed and delivered. This program will be available until November 2025.
    - Kevin will be attending Pump Training in July. Motion for Kevin to attend pump

training. Matt made a motion to approve Kevin attending the training, Tim Coehlo made a second, all approved of the motion.

- D. DOC MLRP (I) – Amy Siliznoff & Kevin Reyes
  - The applications are being reviewed by the MLRP Review Committee and will go through a public comment period before being selected.
  - There are about 28 submitted applications. Whoever doesn't get selected for funding will be taken into consideration for Prop 4 funding if this is available for Madera County landowners.
- E. WCB Pollinator Block Grant (I) – Kevin Reyes
  - The La vina Project is planted and complete, Hillside follow up was a great turnout! Jon and I did some activities and brief talk about Earth Day, and everything being completed this day. We have 3 Pollinator projects being implemented this fall. We have another landowner interested in moving forward with his project.
- F. NoRegrets Grant (I) – Amy Siliznoff
  - The RCD was awarded a \$60k grant from the NoRegrets Initiative. This funding will support sustainable and regenerative farming initiatives and the RCD's SGMA strategy. Amy is excited and looking forward to the potential of work we can complete under this grant.
- G. Part-Time Conservation Position (I) – Amy Siliznoff
  - With the recent grants that have come through, the RCD can hire a part-time conservation planner position. Once the NoRegrets grant comes through Amy will revisit at the next Board meeting about getting an approval to run the ad for the position.
- H. Upcoming Workshops (I) – Amy Siliznoff
  - The RCD will be planning a healthy soils/hedgerow workshop in the fall.
- I. Upcoming Contracts/Agreements (I) (A)– Amy Siliznoff
  - None
- J. Upcoming Grant Applications (I) – Amy Siliznoff
  - CDFA HSP Grant. CCI is looking into setting up a block grant with the San Joaquin Valley RCDs.

## **VII. Financial Report**

- Matt Angell made a motion to approve the April Financial Report. There was a second by Mike DeLaGuerra. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.
- Tim Coehlo made a motion to approve the April Expense Report. There was a second by Matt Angell. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.
  
- Matt Angell made a motion to approve the May Financial Report. There was a second by Tim Coehlo. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.
- Mike DeLaGuerra made a motion to approve the May Expense Report. There was a second by Matt Angell. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.

## **VIII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:37PM.**

Next Meeting: June 18, 2025, 5:00PM at the NRCS office in Madera, CA