



**Madera/Chowchilla  
Resource Conservation District  
Post Office Box 531  
Chowchilla, CA 93610**



**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – 5:00-6:00PM**

- I. Call to Order: 5:04PM by Norman Kuhr**
  - A. Director Roll Call  
Attendance was in person at The Vineyard Restaurant located at 605 S I St, Madera, CA 93637. Directors: Mike DeLaGuerra, Norman Kuhr, Tim Coehlo, Shannon Iest; Staff: Amy Siliznoff, Kevin Reyes
  
- II. Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

Amy requested three additions: CARCD Annual Business Meeting
  
- III. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. **Approval of October Meeting Minutes** – Motion was made by Shannon Iest to approve the Meeting Minutes, there was a second by Tim Coehlo. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.
  
- IV. Correspondence & Mail** – CSDA Magazines, CMZ flyer, CA State Controller Special District Financial Transactions Report request letter, Department of Defense Investigative Request for Employment Data and Supervisor Information Request
  
- V. Public Comments** – No public comments
  
- VI. Reports**
  - A. Madera County SGMA Update/GSAs – No Report
  
  - B. NRCS Report – No Report
  
  - C. News/Other Meeting Reports – Amy Siliznoff
    - CARCD 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is December 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento. The RCD has received an outstanding partnership award from NRCS for work pioneering groundwater recharge on agricultural lands.
    - Congress extended the Farm Bill for another year
  
- VII. RCD Report: Board Action Items and Discussion Topics**
  - A. CDFA Mobile Irrigation Lab (I) – Kevin Reyes
    - 40 evaluations completed, 22 irrigation evaluations in Madera County, 12 in Merced County, 6 in Stanislaus County
  - B. NRCS Equity Project (I) (A) – Amy Siliznoff
    - The RCD will be working with CAFF on a collaborate workshop early Spring. Amy has reached out to Rasheed to start workshop preparations.
  - C. DOC MLRP (I) – Amy Siliznoff

- Two workshops were held on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30PM, and Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30AM.
- Amy is working with the MLRP team on the La Vina Hedgerow/Pollinator Project
- D. WCB Pollinator Block Grant (I)
  - We're beginning outreach for this grant and have three potential projects underway. We will utilize this funding along with the CDFA Agricultural Conservation Planning Grant to complete pollinator plans and use WCB funding for plant materials and monitoring.
- E. Board Compliance (I) – Amy Siliznoff
  - Reminder that Form 700 and Ethics Training is due
- F. Madera RWMG – Resolution 2023-03 (I)(A)
  - The RCD is looking to join the Madera RWMG as a DAC entity. There was discussion between the ED and the RWMG Coordinator that the RCD is not able to join as a DAC. Amy is still working on communication to see if this will be possible, so voting for the Resolution will be put on hold until this is confirmed.
- G. Upcoming Workshops – (I)
  - Workshop event with CAFF for NRCS Equity as well as Nutrient and Irrigation Management workshop in early Spring
- H. Contracts/Agreements (I) (A)– Amy Siliznoff
  - None at this time
- I. Upcoming Grant Applications (I) – Amy Siliznoff
  - CDFA SWEEP is now accepting applications for growers interested in applying for water efficiency or GHG emission reduction projects.

### **VIII. Financial Report**

- Mike DeLaGuerra made a motion to approve the November Treasurers Report. There was a second by Tim Coehlo. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.
- Shannon Iest made a motion to approve the December Treasurers Report. There was a second by Mike DeLaGuerra. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.
- Shannon Iest made a motion to approve the expense report. There was a second by Mike DeLaGuerra. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.

### **IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:34PM.**

Next Meeting: January 10, 2023, 5:00PM