



**Madera/Chowchilla
Resource Conservation District
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**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – 5:00-6:00PM**

I. Call to Order: 5:05PM by Tim Coehlo

A. Director Roll Call

Attendance was in person at the FSA office located at 425 N Gateway Dr, Ste K, Madera, CA. Directors: Mike DeLaGuerra, Andrew Carroll, Erik Herman, Matt Angell; Staff: Amy Siliznoff, Kevin Reyes; Partners: Mira Dick, NRCS

II. Additions/Changes to the Agenda

No changes were requested

III. Approval of Minutes

A. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes** – Motion was made by Mike DeLaGuerra to approve the Meeting Minutes, there was a second by Erik Herman. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.

IV. Correspondence & Mail – Letter from Carlos Suarez, Check from EMRCD

V. Public Comments – No public comments

VI. Reports

A. Madera County SGMA Update/GSAs – Amy Siliznoff

- The Madera Subbasin had GSPs approved! This is in spite of MID not adopting a plan. It happened right before Christmas.
- The Chowchilla and Delta-Mendota Subbasins do not have approved GSPs and are working on revisions and hope to have those revisions approved by the State Board.

B. NRCS Report – Mira Dick

- NRCS is still accepting applications, but they are buried in process so there is uncertainty about getting applications approved. IRA, Climate-Smart practices (same practice but with different resource concerns considered) Water SMART is also included with that, if you're located within MID, recharge is still going since there hasn't been a halt. Congress extended Farm Bill for another year.

C. News/Other Meeting Reports – Amy Siliznoff

- Ag Plastic Recycling Event at the Farm Bureau is scheduled for April 15th

VII. RCD Report: Board Action Items and Discussion Topics

A. RCPP with American Farmland Trust

- Application deadline dates are January 12th and April 5th

- B. CDFA Mobile Irrigation Lab (I) – Kevin Reyes
 - Going to host Nutrient and Irrigation Nutrient Planning Discussion on the 19th. We will plan a collaborative workshop event this Spring. CCA and CDFA INMP credits will be available for growers.
 - Currently finalizing 2 final reports.
 - Pump testing training for Kevin (fee for service)
- C. CDFA Agricultural Planning Grant
 - Kevin will be receiving training from ESRCDC on how to complete the pollinator plan, we are expected to complete 12 plans total
 - Kevin will be attending a site visit on January 12th
- D. NRCS Equity Project (I) – Amy Siliznoff
 - Amy is waiting to hear back from CAFF, she’s in contact with Rasheed and has left a few follow up messages regarding planning a collaborative workshop event this Spring.
- E. DOC MLRP (I) – Amy Siliznoff
 - The RCD will be hosting a pollinator outreach event to garner interest under the MLRP program. It is tentatively scheduled for Feb 15 from 9-11AM, it will be a hybrid meeting. Amy is confirming presenters and will plan on applying for CCA credits. The RCD team has also been attending the statewide DOC MLRP meetings, monthly partner DOC meetings, and bi-weekly partner meetings for project planning. The RCD is assisting with planning for the La Vina pollinator pilot project. A pollinator plan has been completed and we’re in the process of scheduling a meeting to review the plan with the landowner.
- F. WCB Pollinator Block Grant (I)
 - Amy is working on a few potential collaborative projects with the Coarsegold RCD. One project will be at Hillside Elementary School, and the other at the Sierra Senior Center and the Oakhurst Community Center in Oakhurst. We’re also planning to utilize WCB funds for the LaVina pilot project for supplies/plant materials.
- G. Board Compliance (I) – Amy Siliznoff
 - Reminder that Form 700 and Ethics/Harassment Training is due
 - Norm needs to complete Ethics and Harassment Training
 - Tim needs to complete Ethics Training
 - Amy needs to complete Harassment & Ethics
 - Matt Angell needs to completed Harassment & Ethics
 - Amy will follow up with the other Board members who are due for their trainings
 - Amy will send Form 700’s to complete by the next Board meeting
- H. Upcoming Workshops – (I)
 - Workshop event with CAFF for NRCS Equity as well as Nutrient and Irrigation Management workshop in early Spring.
- I. Contracts/Agreements (I) (A)– Amy Siliznoff
 - None at this time
- J. Upcoming Grant Applications (I) – Amy Siliznoff
 - None at this time

VIII. Financial Report

- Matt Angell made a motion to approve the January Financial and Treasurers Report. There was a second by Mike DeLaGuerra. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:08PM.

Next Meeting: February 6, 2024, 5:00PM