



**Chowchilla Red Top  
Resource Conservation District  
Post Office Box 531  
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*Tuesday, April 17, 2018 - 2:00 pm  
Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District  
Chowchilla Library, Chowchilla*

**I. Roll Call and Introductions**

- Flag Salute  
Jack Fry, Norm Kuhr, Sandy Faust, Jeannie Habben, Dennis Dudley

**II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda**

- April 2018 Agenda
- March 2018 Minutes  
Norm K made the motion to accept the minutes and the agenda as presented with one addition; Sandy F second the motion; all voted and passed unanimously

**III. Updates, Handout, and Public Comments**

- CARCD is being recommended for the full \$10 million dollars requested to assist landowners in removing dead and dying trees in the High Mortality Areas of the Sierra Nevadas. CARCD will be coordinating with over 35 partners to assist the hard-hit landowners. They have decided to go through the NRCS/USDA EQIP process to distribute the funds. They will use local RCDs to assist landowners.
- NRCS invites Proposals for 2018 Conservation Innovation Grants. Up to \$375,000 is available for one-to three-year grants. The maximum award amount for any project will not exceed \$75,000 in FY 2018. Proposals are due by April 17, 2018.
- There are meetings being held this month discussing the New Water Bond. These meetings will be held in Placerville, Auburn, and Sacramento. The Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018 is a citizen's initiative water bond that will appear on the November 2018 statewide California ballot. It will invest \$8.877 billion dollars in California water infrastructure, including key categories like: safe drinking water, Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) implementation, watershed restoration, fish and wildlife habitat conservation, infrastructure repair, and many other important water management programs.
- The Madera County BOS meetings are rotating locations this year. They have held meetings in the Madera City and the Chowchilla City board rooms as well as the Oakhurst Community Center. The April 10 meeting will be back in the regular county board chambers and then the next week will be in City of Chowchilla board room

- There will be a free library forum, to be held at 6pm, Friday, April 27 to help focus a discussion regarding the proposed Temperance Flat project. Speakers are Chris Acree from Revive the San Joaquin and Mario Santoya from the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority.

#### **IV. Correspondence & Mail**

- Correspondence
  - Received a Notice of Public Hearing from LAFCO regarding their Proposed Budget and Fee Schedule for the fiscal year of 2018-2019
  - Received the monthly bank statement

#### **V. Financial Report**

- Monthly Treasurer's Report  
Jeannie H distributed the monthly treasurer's report. This report was balanced to the bank statement and reflects the invoices and receipts still outstanding for the DOC grant.
- Invoices to be Paid  
No invoices to be paid this month.

#### **VI. New Business**

- Report on the Spring San Joaquin Valley Regional – Area IX Meeting  
This was a great day spent at the Fossil Museum in Madera. There were about 30 attendees with Curtis T and Karen B giving updates for their organizations as well as representation from six RCDs. The FFA team from Minarets High School gave a presentation on issues with automation and agriculture. Everyone enjoyed lunch and the tour of the museum.
- Ag Round Table – April 20, 2018 – Madera Community College  
The next Madera County Agriculture Round Table is on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 11:00 to 1:00. It will be held at the Madera Community College Center and lunch will be provided by The Specialty Crop Company. This meets to openly share and discuss issues and challenges Ag is facing, pursue opportunities, and develop strategic partnerships regarding our natural resources management, impending legislation, regulations and many other topics
- Review DOC REV Grant
  - Quarterly Invoice and Report for Signature
  - Review of Grant Budget/Accounting  
Jeannie H presented the Invoice and report packet ready for signature to be sent to the Sacramento office of DOC. The budget reflects the remaining funding to be used for the website creation, the consolidation (facilitation and fees), with about 700 more hours of work through February 2019.
- Review Tier 1 Annual Requirements
  - Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment Training  
If you or an associate needs Ethics and/or Harassment Training, both are being offered in the same day. There will be a one-full-day training on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 9:00am to 3:00pm (registration starts at 8:30am) at the Madera County Library on 121 N. G Street in Madera in the Galloway Room. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [cfwatershed@gmail.com](mailto:cfwatershed@gmail.com).

➤ List of Grant Duties

Jeannie H will focus on the website and partnering with NRCS on a couple of workshops and articles/flyers for information this quarter. She will continue to work with Madera RCD and Solid Ground Consulting on the consolidation efforts.

- Durable Collaboration – Solid Ground Consulting – May meeting
  - Consolidation with Madera RCD

These two RCDs work closely and the geographic boundaries of each connect. Phase One of the consolidation is to: Environmental scan; Define the process; Seek input from each board; Prepare assessment report; Present assessment results to a joint meeting of the boards; Summarize the results; and Meet with the planning committee to determine the next steps in the process. The next joint meeting for the process is on Wednesday, May 9 at the Madera Farm Services Office.

## **VII. Old Business**

- NRCS Report

The Madera Field Office continues to work on contracts for; Tree and forest, irrigation projects, NAQI – National Air Quality Initiative on various levels. Jeannie H asked if the RCD could partner with the NRCS office to do some workshops, perhaps at the Ag Roundtable, since they are a ready-made group that is always looking for subjects and speakers for Agriculture.
- Board Recruitment

All the Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) of Madera and Fresno County are looking for new Directors to participate on the board. RCDs are made up of community members or landowners who have knowledge and interest in natural resources, education the community, and doing projects on the land. Contact the local NRCS office if you are interested.
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWMP – Report
  - April 9 – Oakhurst, Raley's Community Room
  - May 14 – Chowchilla, City Hall Offices

QK are working on the newly required chapters and they are looking to have the first draft of the IRWMP Plan Update completed before the next meeting. There is a urgency on the completion of the update, so this group can apply for the upcoming Implementation Funding. Jeannie H shared that she was required to create a Block Group Map for the Eastern Madera County area. The next meetings for the MCFA are on April 24 in Sacramento for a face to face with the DWR Division Manager, Carmel Brown and the MCFA Quarterly meeting in Sacramento on June 28, 2018. Lauren Burton from Sierra Institute called in and gave a power point presentation about the Mountain County Funding Area and the process that they will be taking. They will take three steps, Identification and outreach of "DAC" and Tribal communities; Community and needs assessment workshops; technical support workshops and tools. She stated that their community identification will include the rural populations by maintaining data integrity by identifying DACs using multiple indicators, including capacity assessments. She stated that they will be doing three types of workshops: Community; System water/Waste water; and Tribal.

**VIII. Items for Next Meeting: May 15, 2018; 2:00pm - 300 King Avenue,  
Chowchilla, CA 93610**

**IX. Adjourn: 3:10 pm**