



**Chowchilla Red Top  
Resource Conservation District  
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*Tuesday, May 15, 2018 - 2:00 pm  
Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District  
Chowchilla Library, Chowchilla*

**MINUTES**

**I. Roll Call and Introductions**

- Flag Salute  
Jeannie Habben, Jack Fry, Norm V Kuhr, Sandra Faust, and Dennis Dudley

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

- May 2018 Agenda
- April 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**

- The May Ag Roundtable has been cancelled as well as the Madera RCD and the Sierra RCD meetings.
- Stephanie Anagnoson has started with the County as the new Director of Water and Natural Resources last Monday, she will try to make it to one of the upcoming RCD meetings.

**IV. Correspondence & Mail**

- Correspondence  
The RCD received the bank statement as always as well as: a survey/questionnaire from Golden State Risk Management to answer questions by May 18 and a notice from LAFCO regarding "Appointment of Special District Representative to the Consolidated Countywide Redevelopment Area Oversight Board.

**V. Financial Report**

- Monthly Treasurer's Report  
Jeannie H shared the Treasurer's Report, and the only change during this month was a check received from CARCD to cover the lunches for the Fall Meeting at the Museum. This was to cover eight NRCS lunches and two CARCD.
- Invoices to be Paid  
There are two invoices still outstanding to Jeannie H. There will be two large expenses by the end of the year to get the website created and pay the LAFCO fees.

## **VI. New Business**

- Review DOC REV Grant  
The items left to complete on this grant are:
  - the website
  - the consolidation
  - 4 newspaper articles
    - Water use efficiency
    - Healthy soils
    - SGMA
  - Workshop – Healthy Soils
  
- Review Tier 1 Annual Requirements  
The board has worked on most of the requirements. They had them all completed prior and now are just catching up to the basic re-training and annual and bi-annual requirements.
  
- Durable Collaboration – Solid Ground Consulting – May meeting  
Jeannie H. met with Jim Morris from Solid Ground Consulting on behalf of the two RCDs: Madera and Chowchilla Red Top. These two RCDs requested to not attend the all-day workshop to learn what needs to be done to consolidate. Since both RCDs have decided that they want to consolidate, they just need to know the nuts and bolts of the process. The next steps are: To complete the LAFCO application to see what information is needed to address at the combined RCD meeting and create the new RCD Map and new RCD boundary. description/legal description. There needs to be a meeting with both RCDs to work out the new RCD Logistics of the newly formed RCD; ie, RCD new name; how many members of the Board – 5, 7, or 9; when will the board meetings be held; etc. They also need to create a sustainability plan. Both boards need to create a Board Resolution.

## **VII. Old Business**

- NRCS Report  
Jeannie H reported that CARCD will receive \$10 million dollars 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 are working on the particulars for the process and the funds should be available in October 2018.
  
- Board Recruitment  
The board members will continue to look for new board members, but will probably not have any new members until after the consolidation.
  
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWMG – Report
  - May 14 – Chowchilla, City Hall Offices
  - June 11 – Madera, Government CenterQK shared the list shows 70 pending projects. Out of the 40 IRWMPs surveyed, only two have submitted their plan updates for review. The Prop 1 Implementation Grant round for 2018/2019 will be out late June 2018. Round 1 applications due January 2019. Round 1 grant awards will be in 2019 and Round 2 will be in 2020. Early 2019 the final awards and grant agreement execution. Sierra Institute will conduct three workshops in

the Mountain County funding area; one in June will be for the Tribes and the other two will be in July. The first will be the Community Capacity Assessment workshop and the second is the Water/Wastewater System needs workshop. The draft plan for the San Joaquin Valley/River Funding Area was submitted to DWR on May 4. This was the last in the state. Once the plan is accepted by DWR each region within the funding area will receive \$148,000 to complete their needs assessments. Self Help Enterprises will be one of the groups working on the needs assessment in this area.

**VIII. Items for Next Meeting: June 19, 2018; 2:00pm**  
**300 King Avenue, Chowchilla, CA 93610**

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