



**Chowchilla Red Top  
Resource Conservation District  
Post Office Box 531  
Chowchilla, CA 93610**



**MEETING MINUTES**

*Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:00am*

*Denny's Restaurant, 22717 Avenue 18 ½, Madera, CA*

**\*Note the time & location change of the meeting**

**I. Roll Call and Introductions**

Flag Salute

Jack Fry, Norm V Kuhr, Sandra Faust, Jeannie Habben, Tim Coelho, Jennifer Johnson, Katheryn Prince, Jennifer Avila, Dennis Dudley, Priscilla Baker, Tom Petrucci, Samantha Lopes, Taylor Fridrich

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

- December 2018 Agenda  
Norm K made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes; Jack F second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously

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

Western United Dairyman will be holding their annual conference at the Tenaya Lodge during the last week of March 2019.

**IV. Correspondence & Mail**

- Invoices to be Paid  
There were no invoices/bills to be paid this month. Currently the only outstanding expenses are to the RCD Coordinator; these will be paid when additional REV funds are received.

**V. Financial Report**

- Treasurer's Report  
Jeannie H distributed the Treasurer's Report and explained all the amounts listed. One check received from CARCD as reimbursement to the RCD for hours spent on the Consolidation process. There is one more invoice that has been sent to CARCD for additional hours through the end of November. From December forward, CARCD will cover the remaining hours for the consolidation and any other fees through a contract with Solid Ground Consulting.

Tim C made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report with no changes; Sandra F second the motion, all voted; and the motion is carried unanimously.

**VI. Old Business**

- NRCS Report  
Curtis Tarver has accepted the Regional Conservation position for Riverside, replacing Jay Lee who has moved to the Fresno office as DC. They are now searching for a Regional Conservationist for this area. Jenny Johnson has accepted a position as Tribal Liaison for the state of California and will be leaving her position as DC for the Auburn office.

NRCS will soon be more involved with CARCD and the RCPP for Tree Mortality. Madera County will be receiving \$1million for Tree Mortality and Forest Health. There may be other funding available because the Farm Bill was signed today.

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- Upcoming Goals and Projects for 2019
  - The Madera County LAFCO Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 12. After the presentation of the board packet and discussion by and with the LAFCO Board, the motion for consolidation of Chowchilla Red Top RCD and Madera RCD passed 4 – 0. They stated that the next step is a 60- day protest period followed by the Protest Hearing – they stated that this should not be an issue. They will run the information in the Madera and the Chowchilla newspapers and then tally any comments that are submitted. So, as it stands the final Hearing will be on February 27, 2019.

Between now and February 27, I will be working on the Legal Description for the new District so when all the approvals are completed, I can take the LAFCO final resolution, the Legal Description, and the rest of the packet to the County Recorder's office and have the new district recorded. After all of this has been completed, we can work on the details such as the mailing address, post office box, banking signatures, and county account consolidation. This will all be completed, and the new district will be up and running by the end of the first quarter of 2019.

Jeannie H is working with a surveyor at Madera Pumps, donated by Matt Angell, to complete the legal description. This will hopefully be complete before the protest period so all is complete and ready to be recorded.

- The Website is almost complete. It has been changed to [www.maderachowchillarcd.org](http://www.maderachowchillarcd.org) and will be up to access on December 31. We will be extending the contract with the web-designer, Kristina Price, to continue to add information. We will need to get pictures of each of the board members as well as small bios for the site. We will also be adding additional information for the Madera RCD side of the newly formed RCD. Jeannie H will continue to work with the web-designer to upgrade and update the website.
- Jeannie H will work on the Tier 1 information to change it all over to the new RCD to bring it up to Tier 1 standards and have all of the legal paperwork available. The new board will begin meeting at the new time - The new Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District is meeting at the Farm Service Agency Conference Room at 425 N. Gateway, Suite E, Madera. They meet the Second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM.

## **VII. Adjourn to Christmas Party – 10:00 am**

## **VIII. Items for Next Meeting:**

**Meet as new RCD Board – Madera/Chowchilla RCD  
Wednesday, January 9, 2019; 5:00pm**