



**Madera/Chowchilla
Resource Conservation District
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MINUTES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 - 5:00 pm

*Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District
Farm Service Agency Conference Room, Madera*

I. Roll Call and Introductions – Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Norm V. Khur at 5:10pm

- **Flag Salute**
- Directors: Norman V. Khur, Tim Coelho, Matt Angell, Erik Herman, Jay Bellach, Mike DeLaGuerra
- Associate Directors: Jack Fry
- Directors Absent: Tom Petrucci
- Staff: Laurel Angell, Stefani Dias
- Partners: Johnnie Siliznoff, NRCS
- Guests: Jayla Cuevas, Madera Pumps

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- July 2019 Agenda
 - Agenda Additions – None
 - Motion made to accept the July 2019 Agenda as presented, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.
- June 2019 Minutes
 - Motion made to accept the June 2019 Minutes as presented, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.

III. Updates, Handouts, and Public Comments

- None

IV. Correspondence

- Stefani and Norm both had correspondence picked up from mailbox. The correspondence included Tri-Counties bank statement and notice of fee schedule change, certificates of coverage from Alliant, an invoice from NACD for support, and magazine from Successful Farming.

V. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report \$7,203.69
 - Motion made to accept the treasurer's report as presented, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.

- *Stefani presented the Treasurer’s Report for July. This report was the same of June’s due to no financial changes. Stefani will work to find out what platform was used for treasurer’s report prior.
- Letter to Consolidate County Bank Accounts
 - This is to be tabled for next board meeting and election of roles of the officers on Board so the proper signatories are added to the county bank accounts.
- Letter for closing out Chowchilla – Red Top outside bank account
 - Stefani provided Norm V. Kuhr with all the documents he needed to close the Chowchilla – Red Top checking bank account. He will close it and deposit in the county bank account.
- Invoices to be Paid
 - CARCD Fees – Invoiced received for \$150 for annual fee.
 - Motion made to make payment of the CARCD invoice as presented, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.
- Insurance Invoice – Insurance was acquired by Laurel and will be paid as requested in prior meeting.
- Farm Bureau – The Madera/Chowchilla RCD is still waiting to receive invoice.

VI. New Business

- Website Update
 - Launched!
 - Need Photos for content
 - Laurel and Stefani reviewing links on resources and the rest of the content on website. Language needs to be updated to represent Madera/Chowchilla RCD.
 - Other ideas on content: Requested from the Board that a map with boundaries is uploaded to showcase the region the RCD represents.
 - Maintenance Agreement and Approve expenditures for web address with Go Daddy
 - Estimates from Kris for maintenance
 - The price to maintain the website on Go Daddy on yearly basis is \$150.
 - Motion made to allow Laurel to make payment for maintenance cost and then reimburse her as presented, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.
 - Costs for website email
 - The monthly price for the website “info” email is \$5.99. Laurel will paid for now and will be reimbursed.
 - Motion made to allow Laurel to make payment for recurring charge of “info” email and then reimburse her as presented, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.
- RCD Board Membership
 - Nomination of Mike DeLaGuerra – Paperwork submitted to Madera BOS

- The paperwork was submitted by Stefani and was confirmed to be on the July 16th Agenda for the BOS.
- Election of New Board Officers (Per Tom)
 - This was tabled to the next board meeting in August due to Tom's absence.
- CARCD - Annual Business Meeting. November 13th-15th
 - Delegates and Credentials
 - The board will like more information on the meeting and requirements. Laurel to follow-up on the information and deadlines.
- Priorities and Planning (Tier One requirements)
 - Review Draft Mission Statement
 - Draft Mission presented by Laurel.
 - Motion made to accept Draft Mission as presented, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.
 - Review Draft Annual Plan
 - Draft Annual Plan presented by Laurel.
 - Motion made to accept Draft Annual Plan as presented, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.
- Grants
 - Community Foundation
 - Water Foundation
 - Prop 68 Working Lands and Riparian Corridors
 - Block Grant from CARCD on Monarchs
 - Other Potential Upcoming grants
 - East Stanislaus requested support letter for grant. Laurel to write letter and have Norm V. Kuhr sign to return to Jeff B. at East Stanislaus.
 - Bureau Reclamation Grant; Laurel will follow-up on more information.
- Community Gardens and FFA update
 - Presentation from Jayla Cuevas on Community Gardens and FFA "Food for the Future"
 - Matt Angell opened the presentation by recapping last month's presentation and the new developments of the project. Jayla Cuevas followed with a PowerPoint presentation detailing "Food for the Future: Turning Mowers into Growers." The FFA wants to train students to be irrigation auditors for the local community. The project would involve an online course as a joint venture with the RCD/FFA with the primarily goals to conserve water and providing food security through garden installation and education. Other partners would include Rivulus and Madera District Fair. The project will involve two 5'X10 plots to be planted at the Madera District Fair Entrance. The next step is support from partners to present project to Board of Supervisors.
 - Motion made to support "Food for the Future" as presented, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.

- Partnerships/MOUS
- Fee for Service
 - Stefani working to find out what we need to make sure we can charge fee for service.
- Madera/Chowchilla RCD Consolidation
 - List of Next Steps
 - Madera District Fair
 - The RCD wants to have a booth at the upcoming Madera District Fair (September 5th-Septemebr 8th)
 - Motion made to spend up to \$100 for fair booth to have a community presence and do outreach, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.

VII. Old Business

- NRCS Reports
 - Johnnie Siliznoff reported that the NRCS in in the final batching for the year and has received 5 million in requests this year.
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWMG – Report
 - Request for information High Speed Rail
- Jeannie Habben’s Gift
 - Motion made to reimburse Matt for gift purchase, there was a second, all voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.

**VIII. Items for the Next Meeting: August 14, 2019; 5:00pm
Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera, CA**

IX. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm by Co-Chair Norm V. Kuhr.