



**Madera/Chowchilla
Resource Conservation District
Post Office Box 531
Chowchilla, CA 93610**



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9 - 5:00 pm to 7:00pm

Farm Service Agency Conference Room, 425 N Gateway Drive, Madera

I. Roll Call and Introductions

- Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 5:10pm by Erik Herman.
- Flag Salute
- Introduction of Guests
- Directors: Erik Herman, Jay Bellach, Mike DeLaGuerra, Matt Angell, Tom Petrucci
- Directors Absent: Tim Coelho, Norman V. Kuhr
- Associate Directors: Jack Fry
- Staff: Laurel Angell, Stefani Dias
- Partners: Johnnie Siliznoff, Taylor Fridrich – NRCS, Priscilla Baker -NRCS
- Cole Karr- CSDA, Mark Hutson, Stephanie Anagnoson – Madera County, Jayla Cuevas, Catherine Machado

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- October 2019 Agenda
 - Additions?
 - Motion made by Jay B. to accept the October 2019 Agenda as presented, there was a second by Tom P., all present directors voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.
- September 2019 Minutes
 - Motion made by Jay B. to accept the September 2019 Minutes as presented, there was a second by Mike D., all present directors voted expect for Tom P, who abstained, and the motion was accepted unanimously.

III. Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- There were two versions of MID pamphlets explaining SGMA and MID's GSA role within the Madera Subbasin. One version was in English and the second in Spanish to reach all stakeholders in the Madera Subbasin.

IV. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence (Stefani)
 - Received Community Foundation Capacity Grant check in the mail.

V. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
 - None – County was unable to provide financials to complete the report.
- Letter to Consolidate County Accounts (submitted)

- This action that was previously voted on and passed will be finalized in the 30 days.
- Review & Approval of Expenses
 - Laurel Angell (FINAL invoice August 15 to September 15)
 - Motion made by Erik H. to accept Laurel Angell's invoice for her work as presented, there was a second by Mike D., all present directors voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.
 - RCD Annual Meeting Fees
 - The annual meeting will occur on Nov.11th -Nov. 14th. Jay Bellach, Matt Angell, and Laurel Angell will be attending and there is room for a 4th individual.
 - Motion made by Erik H. to accept coverage of annual meeting fees for those attending as presented, there was a second by Jay B., all present directors voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.
 - New Outside Bank Account - open with CVCF capacity funding check
 - Stefani D. will get the process started and provide required materials to open account. The account will have Erik Herman, Board Secretary/Treasurer and Norman Kuhr, Board Chairman, as the signatories.
 - Motion made by Erik H. to open business checking with Central Valley Community Bank in Madera, CA as presented with details above, there was a second by Jay B., all present directors voted and the motion was accepted unanimously.

VI. New Discussion Topics and Action Items

- Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County: Update on GSAs/GSPs
 - GSPs for the Madera Subbasin are out and currently accepting public comment until November 10th. She also provided copies of the Executive Summary on the Joint GSP. There will be two listening sessions for the GSPs, one on Oct. 22nd in Madera the BOS chambers, 6-8pm. The second one will be in Chowchilla at the Portuguese Hall from 2-4pm on Oct. 23rd.
 - There will also be a Prop 26 to establish an administrative fee for the County GSA budget. This fee will not be used for project funding. Currently the fee is going to be about \$22/acre for a total of 2.4 million dollars. This assessment fee will show up on tax bills and will comply with funding regulatory requirements, 5-year plan, data management, water use monitoring, and land diversion program analysis/recharge studies.
- RCDs role on recharge (subcommittee discussion from 9/11) and technical experience nutrient management, etc (Matt Angell, Mark Hutson)
 - Madera/Chowchilla RCD will work to help local recharge projects, reclaim flood plains, get technical resources, and grants to help finance projects and off-set assessment fees from GSP implementation.
- "Next Gen Project"—Matt Angell and Jayla Cuevas
 - They working on their online water school and will be having a meeting at Scout Hut on Nov. 10th.
- RCD Board Membership
 - Associate Director nomination: Silas Rossow (Matt Angell nominated); next steps
 - Laurel can create policy for associate directors based on examples of other RCD policies presented



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- CARCD Annual Business Meeting and Conference
 - Annual Business Meeting, November 13 – 15
 - Attendance to the conference (\$345/Lodging \$129)
 - Laurel will book the hotel for confirmed individuals attending.
- Cole Karr, California Special District Association
 - CSDA is a membership-based association of special districts that provides resources for special districts in California. They do trainings for public affairs, communication practices, legislative advocacy, and professional development. It is tier-based pricing. Cole also provided some basic Board of Directors education materials to our present directors.

VII. Grants (focused on priorities laid out in Annual Plan)

Laurel will present a printed handout with grants

- **Community Foundation Capacity Grant (grant for \$8k) – Grant accepted**
- Campbell Foundation, Capacity Grant (\$10K/applied on 8/30, decision pending)
- CDFA Technical Assistance Grant (Application Submitted on 8/30/up to \$60K/Decision in Nov)
- National CIG (RCD sent letter of support/for education assistance/decision pending)
- DOC/Prop 68 Working Lands and Riparian Corridors (applied with Regional partners/\$10K for planning/decision pending)
- **Carbon Cycle Institute Grant (application accepted – will pay for travel to field day on carbon farming and planning – up to \$1K) – Grant accepted**
- Block Grant from CARCD on Monarchs (still pending with CARCD, fall)
- Water Foundation (potential funding for SGMA work, proposal being discussed)
- Central Valley Community Foundation/Impact Media Fund (Proposal accepted)
- **CARCD – Bechtel funding for SGMA needs assessment – Grant accepted**
- Pacific Flyway Conservation Grant through the Wildlife Conservation Board (Submitted on 9/11 @ \$100K; decision pending)
- **CDFA Specialty Block Grants – due 10/18 – Applying in the next month**
- **Western SARE (Sustainable Ag Research and Education) grant – Due 11/13 – Applying in the next month**
 - **RCPD with American Farmland Trust on recharge- Applying in the next month**

VIII. Madera/Chowchilla RCD Consolidation

- Remaining Steps
- Legal description
 - Laurel is working on getting Fred Angell to help complete.
- Federal ID being filed
- Annual Plan filed
- RCD credit card (once accounts are consolidated)
 - Discussion on what bank to have checking account outside of the county accounts
 - Board will open business checking at Central Valley Community Bank according to motion made in Financial Report

IX. Old Business

- Website Update
 - Still need Photos for content
 - Laurel working on updates and newsfeed

X. Reports

- NRCS Report
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWVG – No report
- SGMA
- Others—
 - Motion made to cancel November 2019 Madera/Chowchilla RCD by Mike D., there was a second by Erik H., and the motion passed by unanimous vote by all present directors.

**XI. Adjournment... Meeting was adjourned by Secretary/Treasurer Erik Herman at 7:34pm
Next Meeting: December 11, 2019; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera**

Approved: _____

By: _____
Erik Herman, Secretary