



**Chowchilla Red Top
Resource Conservation District
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MEETING AGENDA

*Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - 2:00 pm
Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District
Chowchilla Library, Chowchilla*

I. Roll Call and Introductions

II. Flag Salute

Jack Fry, Sandra Faust, Norm V Kuhr, Jeannie Habben, Tim Coelho, Johnny Siliznoff

III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

• January 2017 Agenda

Jeannie H suggested two additions: Discussion/Approval of Y/S RC & D Membership and Discussion of Tier Process; both to be listed under "New Business"

Norm K made a motion to approve the agenda with above changes; Jack F second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously

• November & December 2016 Minutes

Norm K made a motion to approve the minutes from the November and the December meetings; Jack F second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously

III. Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- Eastman is half full today and 619 cfm is coming in. Hensley is being dropped with the anticipation of more flood water coming from the 3 coming storms.

- Norman and Jack attended the Chowchilla Water District meeting – They are running water down the sloughs, but not down the old Chowchilla River so the water has not run near the Faust Dairy. (County boundary near Merced) If they release the water to that area it would be a natural recharge and will help that area. They are going to charge 5.00/Aft through February 1 to the farmers.

- Tree mortality assistance program through the Lion's Club International. (TreeMAP) Funds are available through Lions Club – Lion's International. Tim C found out about the program through the Sonora Lion's Club.

IV. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence

The Bank Statement is the only correspondence.

V. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report

Jeannie H distributed the January Financial Report; the only change is the payment for the notetaker. Norm K made a motion to approve the Financial Report; Sandra F second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously.

- Invoices to be Paid – Notetaker
The notetaker payment is pre-approved. There was an addition based on discussion to pay the minimum dues for the Yosemite/Sequoia RC & D. This board voted to remain as a member and pay one year's dues.

VI. New Business

- Website and Email
 - Final Update
The goal was to have the website turned off by January 1, 2017. This did not happen because the email is still attached to the website and is needed for another month. This will come down when the emails have cleared for all past projects.
- Discussion/Approval of Y/S RC & D Membership
Jeannie H discussed the membership information sent out by Justine R. They discussed that Jeannie H will continue to represent the RCD at the meetings with Sandra F as the second in contact. They would like to continue to be members of this group since they have been members since the very beginning. Tim C made a motion to approve \$100.00 for 2017 dues for the Yosemite/Sequoia RC & D; Norm K second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously
- Discussion of Tier Process
The public comment period for the Accreditation Program closed as of January 9, the paperwork is then sent to the state office of Administrative Law for approval. This will take another 30 days and then the application process will be created for the base funding. Since the funding program is partially tied to the Accreditation program they will issue applications after launching the Accreditation Program. Most likely they will issue the application requests in February with applications due in late March. This will be on the agenda for the February meeting to discuss the application process and funding requests.

VII. Old Business

- NRCS Report
Johnny S stated that he would like to create a "Round-Table" group that would include a wide swath of Madera Co. partners including some RCD members, farmers and ranchers, reps from the various ag associations, and others to discuss the issues germane to the area and assist with representation, understanding and outreach.

The first Funding cycle for this (funding) year ended Friday. The Madera Office had 86 applications/contracts for tractors, tree mortality, drip-projects, which totaled a request of over \$2-million. Last year they covered \$700k in contracts for tractors and 60 applications/contracts, \$400k, for tree mortality. There is now a Joint Two Chiefs initiative that covers four counties; this will add funds to split for Tree Mortality.
- Board Recruitment
The Round Table concept is very promising in Board Recruitment. Also, we are still waiting for the Madera RCD to get through their lawsuit to move on with a consolidation of the two RCDs.
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWMP – Report
 - January 9 – Chowchilla

- February 13 - Madera

The Mountain County group met in December in Murphys to discuss and work on the RFP for the Applicant position for writing the application for the DAC funding. The RFP was completed and approved by all groups in the funding area, it is ready to release at the beginning of the year. The San Joaquin Valley Funding Area had one conference call and met in December in Los Banos. Ara A. from San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority stated that their group is willing to be the Applicant for this funding area. Julia B from Madera County requested a support letter from this group for the Storm Water Resource Plan. The support letter confirms the partnership in participating in the disadvantage communities' planning and outreach. Jeannie H wrote to DWR about the possibility of accessing the remaining Planning funds to update the Madera IRWM Plan. No further funds will be available for planning.

VIII. Items for Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2017

IX. Adjourn: 3:50