



**Chowchilla Red Top  
Resource Conservation District  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

*Tuesday, May 23, 2017 - 2:00 pm  
Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District  
Chowchilla Library, Chowchilla*

**I. Roll Call and Introductions**

- Flag Salute  
Jack Fry, Norm V Kuhr, Sandra Faust, Tim Coelho, Jeannie Habben, Johnnie Siliznoff, Christina Beckstead, Kathryn Prince

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

- May 2017 Agenda  
Sandra F made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes; Tim C second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously
- April 2017 Minutes  
Sandra F made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Tim C second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously

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

- Norman V Kuhr announced that Norm Kuhr, our past President of the board, passed away on Thursday, May 18. He gave decades of service to this and many other boards in this county and community.
- Sierra Water Workgroup is having their 2017 Summit on July 24 to July 25 in Kings Beach, CA. Sponsored by the State Bar of California, Environmental Law Section. This will be a 1 ½-day workshop focused on state-wide issues and tools around the theme "Legal and Legislative Strategies to Protecting our Headwaters."
- Oakhurst River Parkway Trail Committee in Oakhurst held a community work day on Saturday, May 20, starting at 8:30 am. They received a grant to repair the ORP after the flooding this winter and will be meeting with the Sierra High Trails Crew to see if during their off-season to assist in re-building and repairing the trail.
- Christina B reported about her trip to Washington, D.C. and her meeting with Diane Feinstein and her staff. She also met with Kamala Harris and her staff.

**V. Financial Report**

- Monthly Treasurer's Report  
Jeannie H distributed the May Report; the only payment due is for the notetaker/contract Admin. 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  
They will discuss the membership dues to the Madera RWMG at the next meeting as well as the membership dues for CARCD when funds are available.  
Norm K made a motion to approve the notetaker invoice for payment; Jack F second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously

## **VI. New Business**

- REV Funding Final Agreement/Contract
  - Grant Signatures  
Jeannie H distributed a copy of the signed grant contract to each of the board members for their review. The board requested that Jeannie H create a list or a summary of the grant to explain what is required to complete all that is needed. An email was received from Jenny D at DOC that stated that work on the grant may begin on May 12, 2017.
- RCD E-mail  
Jeannie H discussed with the board that they need their own e-mail address for information and for receiving notices, etc. This was apparent when they submitted the grant application to the state and information was being missed because Jeannie H did not use her email address on the application. Norm K made a motion to approve the creating an email address exclusively for the RCD; Sandy F second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously
- Annual Audit – Lori Ringeisen  
Jeannie H discussed with the board moving forward with the audit to complete the last item on the Tier 1 list. Jeannie H will pursue making an appointment with Lori R the CPA; it is now after tax season and time to work on the audit.
- CARCD Annual Meeting – November 15 -18  
The CARCD's 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference is on November 15 to 18, at the Hilton Arden West in Sacramento. The REV funding will allow at least two members to attend the conference. Norm K and possibly Tim C
- San Joaquin Region/Area IX Spring Meeting – May 19  
The San Joaquin Valley – Area IX Regional meeting was held May 19, in Exeter. There was discussion of recruitment issues, engagement issues, and capacity building issues. Five of the RCDs in this region received the DOC RCD funding; 1 for Tier one and 4 for Tier 2. At the end of the meeting, there was a tour of Monrovia Nursery. Jeannie H distributed to the board members who were unable to attend the meeting the SJV Brochure and the RCD booklet created to give information regarding all the RCDs in the region. She also distributed the financials for the regional group.

## **VII. Old Business**

- NRCS Report  
In the middle of the third batching period, it closes the end of May. No news if there will be an additional funding. Programs that they are still working on – tri-color blackbirds, tree mortality, tractor replacement, etc. Katherine is new in the office and she works with Xerxes and will be available to work on a pollinator project or come and speak at an event.

- Website  
Jeannie H discussed with the board the possibilities of how to get the new website up and running. This work will be covered under the DOC RCD grant.
- Board Recruitment  
This will begin with the new grant and the steps to reach out to the community through the website and the projects in the grant.
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWMP – Report
  - May 8 – Madera, Government Building – Fourth Floor
  - June 12 – Oakhurst, Raley's Community RoomThe Mountain County funding area Coordinating Committee met in Sacramento. Roles and responsibilities of the Coordinating Committee, the Applicant, and each region within the funding area was discussed. The next meeting of the DAC Coordinating Committee is June 7. Sierra Institute is now the grant applicant for this funding area. The Mountain/foothill area is underrepresented on the RWMP and needs an actual member to be heading up the DAC funding. A RFP when finalized will be both sent out via direct solicit and ebidboard.com. the deadline will be June 1 for proposal submittals for the IRWMP Plan Update. The RWMP will be added as a page to the new County Water and Natural Resources website and that the Water and Natural Resource Director will be responsible for updating the website monthly with the minutes, agenda, and any other new materials submitted for the webpage.

**VIII. Items for Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

- Next agenda – consolidation with Madera RCD

**IX. Adjourn: 3:27pm**