



**Chowchilla Red Top
Resource Conservation District
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MEETING MINUTES

*Tuesday, June 20, 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, Jeannie Habben, Johnnie Siliznoff

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

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

III. Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- Madera Farm Bureau announced that on June 23 at 11:00 Madera Community College TM11 they will be holding the Agriculture Round Table. There will be a lot of representation there.
- 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.” They will be discussing Climate change, DAC Involvement, IRWM plans, and Coordination Advocacy.
- 2017 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program – Technical Workshop dates: June 5 in Gilroy, June 22 in Ventura. Thursday June 15, 2017 Webinar, 1:00 to 2:30 RSVP for log-in information at cfc@conservation.ca.gov
- Storm water management projects in Madera County. This meeting will bring together governmental and nongovernmental organizations with members of the public to discuss a plan for identifying, prioritizing, and implementing storm water resource projects in the Madera County region. Funds are available in your area for increasing water security, alleviating flooding, and incorporating better storm water management methods for a more resilient future. 7/13/17 at 6pm, in the 3rd floor hearing room of the Madera County Government Center located at 200 W. 4th Street. Please RSVP to aja@sierrawatershedprogressive.com
- Land Subsidence in the San Joaquin Valley – Free briefing to be held at the University Business Center, CSU Fresno on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 8:30 to 3:30. This briefing is sponsored by DWR and the Water Education Foundation and will highlight the array of technologies available for subsidence measurement and monitoring, including information and technical support being provided by DWR.

- The state of California has begun work on the California Water Plan Update 2018. DWR has released the draft Assumptions and Estimates Report for Update 2018. The report presents key assumptions and estimates, data and data sources, and companion plans which will be considered for the preparation of Update 2018. The schedule has been released for all to get involved.

IV. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence
Received the San Joaquin River Restoration Program newsletter was received as well as the bank statement. We also received the signed contract from Department of Conservation to begin our grant projects on May 5, 2017.

V. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
Jeannie H distributed the June 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
Norm K made a motion to approve the notetaker invoice and the Annual Insurance for payment; Jack F second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously

VI. New Business

- REV Funding Final Agreement/Contract
On May 12, an email was received from Jenny DiStefano stating that the RCD could commence work on the grant. This is a reimbursable grant and will be reported/invoiced on a quarterly basis; with the first quarterly invoice due on August 15, 2017.
 - Budget
Jeannie H distributed the budget for the grant to the board. This started the discussion on working on and achieving all the goals of the grant. This is a reimbursement grant and we will have to begin the process with creative financing in order to fund the project up front.
 - Tasks
Jeannie H distributed a copy of the Five Objectives to the Board. They began reviewing options, timelines, and possible partners assist in the completion of the objectives. The Five Objectives are: Website Development, with outreach materials, Groundwater Management, Soils Health and Cover Crops, Economic Development, and Consolidation with Madera RCD.
Jeannie H met with LAFCO to ask the process and the cost of a consolidation. We will bring in partners such as the NRCS and the Farm Bureau to assist in meeting some of the goals.
- RCD E-mail
Jeannie H was going to open a g-mail account for the RCD but decided to wait to link the email account to the website when it is up and running. This was discussed with the board.
- RCD 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. Jeannie H will view other RCD websites for examples and check to see who does other RCD websites.

- Five Year Audit – Lori Ringeisen
Jeannie H and Sandy F met with the CPA on May 30 to give her all the information to begin work on the five-year audit. The audit is for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015. We gave her the treasurer's reports, minutes, and bank statements for those dates. Also, the invoicing, reporting, and contracts for grant money received in those 5 years. She will contact us as she needs more information.
- CARCD Annual Meeting – November 15 -18
The CARCD's 72nd 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. CARCD is currently looking for presenters for the conference for individual and large/small group discussions. They need presentation abstracts by June 30.

VII. Old Business

- NRCS Report
The Madera office is in the middle of Batching Period 3, they will meet or exceed their set targets. In reviewing the RCD Grant Work Plan with the RCD, it was suggested to the RCD Board to review the Work Plan and see where the NRCS staff could be assistance. The RCD and NRCS need to work together to meet the goals of the RCD as well as the goals of the county.
- Board Recruitment
Jack mentioned a new member in the Lions Club that may be interested in joining the board. It is imperative to bring in more board members who will be active in working on the grant goals. Suggestions for other board members may be tractor salespeople, fertilizer sales, pest control representative, and other farmers or dairy people. They could also look for retired professional conservation people.
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWVG – Report
 - June 12 – Oakhurst, Raleys Community Room
 - July 10 – Chowchilla, City Hall
Self-Help Enterprises held the "Madera County's Small Communities Water Tour" on May 23. The group met in Parksdale and discussed the IRWM and the SGMA processes and funding. They then travelled to Fairmeed, then LaVina, and then back to another area in Parksdale. Water issues were discussed and an overview was given by a local landowner in each area. The Mountain County Funding Area Committee met in Sacramento at the DWR office on June 7. The SI Mountain County Proposal was discussed and reviewed with all comments and change requests addressed. Jeannie H wrote the participation letter from the Madera RWVG to participate in the DAC Involvement Grant Program for the SJV funding area. The next SJV DAC meeting will be hosted by Modesto on June 22nd from 1:00 to 4:00 in the basement of 1010 10th Street in Modesto.

VIII. Items for Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 – Adjourned 4:01

IX. Adjourn: