



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

*Tuesday, July 18, 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**

- July 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
- June 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 July 21 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.
- 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.
- Almond Board of CA in the Orchard Reducing Harvest Dust Workshop – July 19 in Madera at 15999 Avenue 17, Madera. NRCS will be giving a talk about Incentive funding for low-harvest low-dust equipment.

#### **IV. Correspondence & Mail**

- Correspondence  
The usual correspondence was received (bank statement and advertisements).  
The board also received an invitation for the Farm Bureau Ag Round Table.

#### **V. Financial Report**

- Monthly Treasurer's Report  
Jeannie H distributed the July Treasurer's Report, there have been no changes.
- Invoices to be Paid  
There was a discussion on future invoices and the grant cycle with the new funding. All invoices will be held until the first report and invoice to the DOC for the new grant.

#### **VI. New Business**

- REV Funding Final Agreement/Contract  
Jeannie H presented the Contract for her work on this grant. Even though the grant was signed to begin on May 5, there has been a slow start to get things going. The contract was to be signed at the June meeting and was discussed at that time. The effective start date for the contract is July 1 and will continue through the end of the grant which is February 28, 2019. We have been notified that Jenny DiStefano will be our grant administrator for the DOC grant.
- Budget  
The budget was distributed at the June meeting but revisited at this meeting. As work is completed and quarterly invoicing is completed, the budget will be reviewed.
- Tasks  
Jeannie H broke down the tasks from the five Objectives and Performance Measures. This will be an easier checklist for the board to follow as the grant tasks are being completed. Jeannie H will review this on a quarterly basis with the board, or at any time they request.
- RCD E-mail  
Jeannie H has created the Gmail address, chowchillaredtoprcd@gmail.com, for this RCD. She will start using this email address for any correspondence or contact information for this board. When brochures, flyers, or business cards are made it will refer to this email. This email will be linked to the new website when it is created.
- RCD Website  
It was discussed to keep the website on hold until the second quarter of the grant. The RCD has decided to complete the RCD audit and pay for this first and then work on the expense for the website.
- Five Year Audit – Lori Ringeisen  
The audit is continuing to be completed. The accountant requested a great deal of information throughout the month of June. Jeannie H could provide most of the information needed by scanning and emailing the files to the accountant. There were a few other pieces of information required that Sandra F would have in her files.
- 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. 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**  
Next batching period is coming up at the end of this week. The big issues are the tree mortality and NAQI (national air quality initiative). The NRCS is looking for suggestions for needs in the area for funding, partnerships, and trainings for the district.
  
- **Board Recruitment**  
Johnnie S introduced a candidate to Madera RCD as a new member, Kristina Machado, who grew up on a dairy in the area. He suggested that this board do outreach with their vendors and partners such as Sustainable Conservation and United Western Dairyman to find new members for the board.
  
- **Madera Region IRWMP/RWMP – Report**
  - July 10 – Chowchilla City Hall
  - August 14 – Madera Government CenterThe MCFA released their final draft of the application for the IRWM DAC Involvement for final comments and review. The SJ Valley funding area is working on the RFP for finding a company to write the application to DAC; their goal is to submit the application by October 2017. The SJV area is also working on a charter for the members of their group. The RWMP still must update the IRWM Plan to Prop 1 Standards; they did not choose a firm to complete the update. They are going to use the same RFQ and change the due date for the response and send it back out. The RFQ will be reposted July 11 and the new due date will be August 25 to respond. The RWMP will vote at the September 11 RWMP meeting on the proposals.

## **VIII. Items for Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

- Register for Ag Roundtable
- Register for Land Subsidence at Fresno State

**IX. Adjourn: 3:44**