



**Chowchilla Red Top
Resource Conservation District
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MEETING NOTES

*Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 2:00 pm
Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District
Chowchilla Library, Chowchilla*

I. Roll Call and Introductions

- Flag Salute
Jack Fry, Norman V Kuhr, Jeannie Habben, Johnny Siliznoff

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- September 2017 Agenda
- August 2017 Minutes
No Quorum for voting

III. Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- The Fall San Joaquin Valley Regional meeting will be on Friday, October 13 hosted by the Grasslands RCD at the Grasslands office.
- The Groundwater Sustainability Plan Workshop will be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District building in Clovis on Wednesday, September 20 at 1:00 to 5:00.
- The next Madera Ag Round Table will be on Thursday, October 19 at 11 to 1 next door to the Madera Farm Bureau office.

IV. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence
The correspondence was the bank statement and the "Successful Farming" magazine.

V. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- Invoices to be Paid
No invoices to be paid and no Treasurer's Report until the first invoice is completed and sent to DOC.

VI. New Business

- REV Funding Final Agreement/Contract
 - Budget
 - Tasks
Jeannie H reported working the Oakhurst River Parkway which was part of the Great Sierra River Clean-up September 9. She has also been working on the business cards, brochures, and copy for the newsletter and the website for when they are available. She met with the Director of the Farm Bureau and discussed their partnership and what they can do together with the Ground Water groups and the Ground Water issue.

- CARCD Annual Meeting – November 15 -18
The CARCD 72nd Annual Conference is on November 15th to the 18th 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. are possibly going to attend. Early registration ends September 4. The title of this year's conference is "Dynamic Partnerships, Relevant Results."
- Support Letter – Ag Conservation Easement
Jeannie H presented a letter of support to submit to the Madera Farm Bureau to support the forming of the ag conservation easement on the Meisner-Pollas Ranch located South of Avenue 11 and North of Avenue 10 ½ along Highway 99. They discussed the possibility of supporting this effort as a partner in conservation and a partner of the Madera RCD where the property is in the Madera RCD district. There was no quorum, but the letter was approved to be written and will be discussed and approved at the October meeting. Leave this on the agenda.

VII. Old Business

- NRCS Report
Johnny was looking to see if there is any interest in having a poultry farming workshop. Rebecca, Farm Advisor in Madera County contacted him to ask if they no anyone with an interest for a poultry workshop. If this group is interested, they can contact her for information and partnership. The batching is over, Madera Field Office has a great team right now even though Sheryl F and Nikki S have left. There is still a hiring freeze so these positions will not be filled for a while. October 1 is the start of the new program year, Johnny S is asking for any ideas, suggestions, or needs for the RCD District.
- Board Recruitment
This board has one vacancy and a request to have a second new board member to come in. These new board members must be willing to take on some of the duties of the RCD and the grant projects. We also must remember the possibility of consolidation with Madera. Jeannie H shared a brochure that is being created for RCD recruitment.
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWMP – Report
 - September 11 – Oakhurst, Raleys Community Room
 - Change of time for the Oakhurst meeting – 2:30
 - October 9 – Chowchilla, City Hall Classroom
The group discussed the three proposals that were submitted for the Plan Update. There was a concern that was voiced that the DAC section will be duplicated with the other Prop 1 DACI funding. Also, it was stated that there might be too much emphasis on Climate Control. The subcommittee met and discussed the proposals between themselves, they chose QK first, Dudek second, and third would be Wateristas. The RFP is out and proposals are due by the end of this week. The subcommittee will then meet and chose the group that will write the application for the San Joaquin Valley funding area to submit to DWR. This is the las funding are to submit their application to DWR

This RCD has priorities they would like to get projects added to the RWMP Plan Update –

1. Recharge the aquifers with available water
2. Clean and Clear the channels
3. Come up with projects to add to the new Plan Update

VIII. Items for Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2017; 2:00pm

IX. Adjourn: 3:30