



**Madera/Chowchilla
Resource Conservation District
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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 5:00-6:00PM

I. Call to Order: 5:06PM by Norman Kuhr

A. Director Roll Call

Attendance was in person at the FSA office located at 425 N Gateway Dr, Ste K, Madera, CA. Directors: Norman Kuhr, Mike DeLaGuerra, Matt Angell, Tim Coehlo; Staff: Amy Siliznoff, Kevin Reyes; Partners: Mira Dick, NRCS

II. Additions/Changes to the Agenda

No additions/changes were made.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. **Approval of January Meeting Minutes** – Motion was made by Mike DeLaGuerra to approve the Meeting Minutes, there was a second by Tim Coehlo. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.

IV. Correspondence & Mail – EDD, Check from AFT, GSRMA Annual Report, Tax Documents from County, NACD Membership Notice, PNP Magazine, CMZ Flyer,

V. Public Comments – No public comment

VI. Reports

A. Madera County SGMA Update/GSAs – Mike DeLaGuerra

- The County is going to create a committee, Leticia Gonzalez and Bobby Macaulay, they're going to have a meeting prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting. They would advise the Board of Supervisors as far as what action to take on certain things. The first meeting is March 4th, it's a public meeting.

B. NRCS Report – Mira Dick

- The Cooperative Agreement is on hold, RCD will be holding off on work until they get guidance.
- NRCS is having to put all hiring on hold and are trying to see where other staff stand if they're in the probationary period.
- Funding for existing agreements and for new agreements is on hold.
- NRCS is accepting new applications anytime.

C. News/Other Meeting Reports – Amy Siliznoff

- There is a Young Orchard Irrigation Workshop and Hazardous Materials Workshop event at the Madera County Farm Bureau.
- The RCD is hosting a Cover Crop Field Demonstration on March 13th from 10AM-12:30PM at Andrew Carrolls farm he manages in Chowchilla, CA.

VII. RCD Report: Board Action Items and Discussion Topics

A. CDFA Mobile Irrigation Lab (I) – Kevin Reyes

- Kevin is currently finishing reports to wrap up this season's evaluations.
 - We're going to be picking back up irrigation evaluations starting March 1st, and ending June of this year. We'll continue providing irrigation evaluations through Almond Board funding.
 - Amy will work on completing a report for the Almond Board on the progress the RCD has made in the last 3 years. Kevin will assist with mapping.
- B. CDFA Agricultural Planning Grant (I) – Kevin Reyes
- Kevin is currently wrapping up the final reports. We have 11 plans complete, and Kevin is finishing up the final plan.
 - Kevin is reaching out to the growers to see if they'd like to move forward with implementation. We will utilize our WCB grant for implementation funds.
- C. DOC MLRP (I) – Amy Siliznoff
- The application deadline has been moved to March 31st.
 - The RCD is managing the agave and pollinator projects and helping growers who applied from pre-application to submitting their full plans. There's a process they need to follow, which Amy has sent specific instructions through email to all the growers.
 - Kevin has been scheduling calls with growers to provide TA for the application process.
- D. WCB Pollinator Block Grant (I) – Kevin Reyes
- We're moving forward on the La Vina project. We put the deposit down for plant materials to Mariposa Nursery. We're going to be planning a collaborative plant day on March 28th at the La Vina site with the La Vina community.
 - Kevin will be confirming signage for the Hillside school project.
 - We have three interested growers in applying for funding under WCB, Amy has sent them the landowner agreements to sign to move forward on their projects.
- E. RCD Part-Time Conservation Planner Position (I) (A) – Amy Siliznoff
- Due to the Federal funding freeze, the RCD will be putting the part-time conservation planner position on hold.
- F. Upcoming Workshops (I) – Amy Siliznoff
- The RCD will be hosting a biochar workshop in the spring with AFT
 - The RCD will be hosting a cover crop field day on March 13th with CAFF
- G. Upcoming Contracts/Agreements (I) (A)– Amy Siliznoff
- None
- H. Upcoming Grant Applications (I) – Amy Siliznoff
- There is an upcoming opportunity to apply for No Regrets Initiative funding. Amy will be applying for this funding opportunity.
 - Amy will be reaching out to the Almond Board and PAGG for potential funding.

VIII. Financial Report

- Matt Angell made a motion to approve the February Financial Report. There was a second by Mike DeLeGuerra. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.
- Mike DeLaGuerra made a motion to approve the February Expense Report. There was a second by Matt Angell. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:12PM.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2025, 5:00PM at the FSA office in Madera, CA