<u>**MINUTES**</u>
Meeting of the
GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Thursday, February 20, 2014

Location:	Gold Ridge RCD Office: 2776 Sullivan Rd, Sebastopol, CA 95472
Time:	**6-8 pm**

I.   **CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS.** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

Directors present: Don Petersen, Jill Butler, Ann Cassidy, Richard Hughes
Directors absent: Joe Dutton
Associate Directors present: Bob Burke, Al Gerhardt (left at 6:30), Torrey Olson (left at 7:15)
Staff present: Brittany Heck, Michele Rocha, William Hart, Sierra Cantor, Mare O'Connell, Joe Pozzi (arrived at 6:46)
Others present: Charlette Epifanio from NRCS and Sue Goranson, CPA

II.   **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B).** The following items were added to the agenda: 4-5 County funding update; 4-6 Introduction to Mare O'Connell, our financial manager; 4-7 Forming a committee on GRRCD finance and sustainability.

III.   **PUBLIC COMMENT** There was no public comment.

IV.   **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

4-1 Correspondence and Notices/Additional Agenda Items-Brittany Heck announced that the staff is working on NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant for carbon sequestering practices. She also reported that the Open Space District is funding GRRCD to work on a marketing project about the economic and other values of working lands.
4-2 Oral History Project-Arthur Dawson, Baseline Consulting. This item is being tabled until the April meeting.
4-3 Review of Purrington Creek LWD-We discussed the pros and cons of fixing the creek bank erosion. To follow up, we will determine if the project's landowners will release us from liability. Put on the agenda for next month and find appropriate liability release language.
4-4 Review of FY 2012-13 Audit-Sue Goranson reviewed the audit.
4-5 County funding update. Brittany reported trying to arrange meetings with SRCD.
4-6 Introduction to Mare O'Connell, the Financial Manager. She was introduced to the board and reported on helping finish the audit. She and Brittany ascertained that hiring Mare as a staff person would cost us less than having her as an independent contractor and the board agreed to hire her.

4-7 Committee on finance and sustainability. Jill Butler suggested we form a committee to study the financial reports and –plan for the long-term sustainability of GRRCD in such matters as finances, fundraising plan, strategic plan, and having a formal business plan. The committee will be added as an action item on the March Board agenda.

V.   CONSENT CALENDAR

5-1 January 16, 2014 Minutes

5-2 Grant Status/Staff Report

>   Motion to approve consent calendar.
>   1st Jill Butler/2nd Richard Hughes.
>   All ayes. Motion carried.

VI.   ACTION ITEMS

6-1 Approval of Financial Report/Warrant Request

>   Motion to approve the financial report and warrant requests.
>   1st Ann Cassidy/2nd Richard Hughes.
>   All ayes. Motion carried.

6-2 NRCS Report

>   Motion to approve the NRCS report.
>   1st Richard Hughes/2nd Jill Butler.
>   All ayes. Motion carried.

6-3 Approval of FY 2012-13 audit

>   Motion to approve the FY 2012-13 audit.
>   1st Jill Butler/2nd Richard Hughes.
>   All ayes. Motion carried.

6-4 CalRecycle grant resolution: Resolution 2014-01

>   This item was discussed and there was no motion made to approve.

6-5 Resolution 2014-02: Approving grant funds from State Coastal Conservancy for Design for Agricultural Water Resiliency

>   Motion to approve Resolution 2014-02.
>   1st Ann Cassidy/2nd Jill Butler.
>   3 ayes. RH abstained. Motion carried.

VII.   CORRESPONDENCE There was no correspondence.

VIII.   ADJOURNMENT AND AGENDA SETTING. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.