

MINUTES
Meeting of the
GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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April 14, 2009

Location: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
14775 'B' Third Street
Occidental, CA 95465
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2009
Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

I. Open Meeting (Introductions)

II. Call to Order (Roll Call of Directors)

- a) **Directors Present:** Barry Fisher, Martin Albini, Joe Dutton, Don Petersen, and Ann Cassidy
- b) **Directors Absent:** none
- c) **Associate Directors Present:** none
- d) **Staff Present:** Lisa Hulette, Joe Pozzi, Noelle Johnson, Diana Hines, Brittany Heck

III. Public Comment- None.

IV. Informational Items:

- a. Correspondence and Notices – none
- b. GRRCD Grant Status Updates – Lisa Hulette
 - The three Estero grants are being freed up through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds, and 319h funding for additional Estero work will also be available. The SCWA Russian River Coho Resources Cooperative Agreement (awaiting insurance forms) and the Russian River Keystone Initiative will also be available. We will be submitting invoices this month. We will also begin billing to the CDFG grants for the WMA Rapid Response Coordinator. We have submitted additional proposals for NOAA stimulus funding
- c. Federal Stimulus Proposals Submitted – Lisa Hulette
 - GRRCD has submitted applications for federal stimulus money additional activities surrounding the Dutch Bill dam removal, and a Save Our Salmon initiative with PCI. We will know by the end of April if these will be available. The funds will need to be used within an 18 month period.

V. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2009 meeting as mailed
1st Joe Dutton 2nd Barry Fisher
- b. Approval of Resolution 2009-1: Note Payable to County of Sonoma
 - This should be of no cost to GRRCD, as we will receive back the interest payments from the state. This represents 85% of the money due from the state, and will be sufficient funds until payments on state grants are received.1st Barry Fisher 2nd Joe Dutton
- c. Approval of Resolution 2009-2: Approval to Reinstate Grant 06-291-551 (Estero Americano Rangeland Water Quality Enhancement Program) using American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds
1st Ann Cassidy 2nd Barry Fisher
- d. Approval of Resolution 2009-3: Approval to Reinstate Grant 06-292-551 (Estero Americano Sediment Reduction Grant using ARRA funds)
1st Barry Fisher 2nd Joe Dutton
- e. Approval of Resolution 2009-4: Approval to Reinstate Grant 06-114-551 (Estero Americano Dairy Enhancement Program)

- 1st Ann Cassidy 2nd Joe Dutton
- f. Approval of Staff Activity Report
1st Barry Fisher 2nd Joe Dutton
- g. NRCS Monthly Activity Report.
New programs stemming from the new Farm Bill will be announced, which will be supplemental to EQIP and will serve as 75% costshare:
- Drought relief: primarily for cropland wind erosion, water development for livestock ranchers, and evaluation of water management on vineyards (no frost protection assistance)
 - Energy program: for diesel engine replacements, or entire tractor replacements. Sonoma County is a high priority county.
 - WHIP sign-up opening to non-ag private land (only \$10 million, focus on listed spp.)
 - CCPI is open, but closing April 23rd
- 1st Joe Dutton 2nd Ann Cassidy
- h. Approval of Bookkeepers Report
1st Ann Cassidy 2nd Martin Albin
- i. Approval of Warrant Requests
1st Barry Fisher 2nd Ann Cassidy
- j. Agenda Items for April 16, 2009 Meeting-none

VI. Other
(none)

VII. Adjournment