

Minutes
Meeting of the
GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Location: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
4008 Bohemian Highway, Ste. 3
Occidental, CA 95465

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00 pm

I. Open Meeting (Introductions)

II. Call to Order (Roll Call of Directors)

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

III. Public Comment- None

IV. Informational Items:

a. Correspondence and Notices - for directors review

The NACD newsletter announced that GRRCD was awarded the NRCS National Conservation Innovation Grant for the Insectaries for Pollinators and Farm Biodiversity project, for \$71,520.

The Farm Bureau is hosting a "Love of the Land" dinner at the MacMurray Ranch on Thursday.

b. GRRCD Grant Status Updates – Lisa Hulette

The state has paid all past due invoices. Two grants are still stopped. The SWRCB EA Dairy grant will most likely be allowed to run out, as less than 10% remains. The grant manager for the SWRCB- Salmon Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan is eager to have that grant continued, particularly due to the level of grant activity in that watershed.

ARRA signs have been purchased, and one was placed on the Harston property. Noelle and Joe took waypoints for the placement of two additional signs in the Estero, which were submitted to the county.

Fish removal, RLF surveys, and tribal monitoring are being planned for the Dutch Bill Dam project.

c. Update on newly funded federal stimulus proposals – Lisa Hulette

GRRCD won the NOAA Stimulus funding for the Salmon Creek Save Our Salmon project for nearly \$1.6 million. A general project summary is included. Construction will begin immediately. Permits for LWD structures in Fay Creek will be amended to include those proposed under the SOS grant, while the remaining structures will be designed and permitted this summer for 2010 construction. An EIR is being prepared for the placement of a 230,000-gallon water conservation tank at Gilardi's.

d. Discuss New Summer Staffing Arrangement – Lisa Hulette.

John Green, an experienced senior geomorphologist from PWA, has applied for the position. The board has approved his hiring. He will begin in early August.

V. Action Items:

a. Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2009

1st Joe Dutton 2nd Barry Fisher

b. Approval to Enter into Contract with NOAA Fisheries for the "Save our Salmon (SOS) – Salmon Creek Habitat Rehabilitation Project – Phase I"

1st Ann Cassidy 2nd Martin Albini

c. Approval of Staff Activity Report

1st Joe Dutton 2nd Ann Cassidy

- d. Approval of Bookkeepers Report
1st Ann Cassidy 2nd Martin Albini
- e. Approval of Warrant Requests
1st Joe Dutton 2nd Martin Albini
- f. Agenda items for August 20, 2009 Meeting
 - Potential need to increase office space (possibly using the Valley Ford Schoolhouse)
 - PCI should attend to discuss the design of the underwater tank for SOS

VI. Other

Charlette Epifanio reported on NRCS activities. The Scotty Creek restoration, stalled due to the discovery of an important archeological site, has received funding to continue the archeological work. The site may qualify for the National Registry of Historic Sites.

Farm Bill contracting is underway. The Western United Dairymen has received a large grant to develop CNPSs on California dairies. A Conservation Security Program has been initiated to provide incentive to landowners to implement good stewardship practices. A tri-county Fish Friendly Farming program has also been funded to provide alternative water sources for vineyards. The Salmon Coalition did not get funded.

VII. Adjournment