

Minutes
Meeting of the
GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Thursday, August 20, 2009

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

Time: 6:00pm to 8:20 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, Nick Crump, and Noelle Johnson

III. Public Comment- None

IV. Informational Items:

- a. Correspondence and Notices – none
- b. GRRCD Grant Status Updates – Lisa Hulette
 - GRRCD has received 6 IOUs so far, with 3.75% interest. Repayment on submitted invoices has a 24-hour turnaround time, an advantage of stimulus funding, despite its complexities. The SWRCB dairy grant is back online, requiring the development of a guidance document. Work on Harston, Colby, and Albini is underway, with fence installations completed today. The sites will be revegetated this winter. The DFG Purrington 2008 grant agreement was received, and work will start next year.
- c. Discussion of stream augmentation and rainwater catchment tanks that are a component of NOAA ARRA Project – Lauren Hammack (Prunuske Chatham, Inc)
 - Several recent studies of the Salmon Creek Watershed have shown that late summer flow is the primary limiting factor for salmonids, necessitating the proposed efforts to construct rainwater catchment structures along the critical lower reach around the town of Bodega. This project was ideal for ARRA funding as the permit requirements are much less than for instream work. As part of the project, a 230,000-gallon geocell tank will be installed at Gilardi's, and will serve as a demonstration project to apply this technology to agriculture, as it is more commonly used in urban settings under asphalt parking lots. Tanks will also be placed at the Bodega Fire Department, and at landowners' homes, who will contribute a match. GRRCD should look into agricultural tax (2.5%) on materials.
- d. Update on District-wide Water Quality Monitoring – Nick Crump/Brittany Heck
 - Water quality monitoring results from the Estero, Green Valley, Dutch Bill, and Salmon Creek were shared, and are included with the minutes.
- e. Update on Dutch Bill Creek Dam Removal Project – Lisa Hulette
 - The dam removal is underway. Gasoline-soaked wood was uncovered at the base of the culvert apron, requiring hazmat and temporary suspension of construction. The concrete of the dam was unexpectedly double-reinforced, with 6-foot deep footing, and is requiring longer to remove than anticipated. PCI is meeting with the engineer to see if some of the footing can remain intact.
- f. Update on ARRA Projects – Lisa Hulette
(see above)
- g. Discuss New Summer Staffing Arrangement – Lisa Hulette
 - John Green is currently taking the lead on the Salmon Creek SOS project, and has been helpful during the dam removal. GRRCD currently has eight staff, four full-time.

V. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2009
1st Barry Fisher 2nd Joe Dutton
- b. Approval of Resolution 2009-5 to enter into contract with the California Department of Fish and Game for the Purrington Creek Restoration Project
1st Joe Dutton 2nd Martin Albini
- c. **Item of Urgency:** Amendment to Gold Ridge RCD Construction Services Procurement Procedures
1st Ann Cassidy 2nd Barry Fisher
- d. Approval of Staff Activity Report
1st Ann Cassidy 2nd Barry Fisher
- e. Approval of Bookkeepers Report
1st Barry Fisher 2nd Martin Albini
- f. Approval of Warrant Requests
1st Joe Dutton 2nd Martin Albini
- g. Agenda items for August 20, 2009 Meeting

VI. Closed Session

Discussion of potential exposure to litigation.

VII. Adjournment