

MINUTES

Meeting of the

GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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October 16, 2008

Location: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
14775 'B' Third Street
Occidental, CA 95465

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

I. Open Meeting (Introductions)

II. Call to Order (Roll Call of Directors)

- a) **Directors Present:** Don Petersen, Bud Chenoweth, Barry Fisher, Joe Dutton, and John Black
- b) **Directors Absent:** none
- c) **Associate Directors Present:** Ann Cassidy, Martin Albin
- d) **Staff Present:** Lisa Hulette, Joe Pozzi, Brittany Heck, Noelle Johnson and Diana Hines
- e) **Others:** Charlette Epifanio (NRCS), Al Gerhardt (Landowner), David Feinberg (Landowner)

III. Public Comment: David Feinberg, a Coleman Valley Road resident, expressed concern about the potential development of a parking lot for the Carrington Ranch acquisition, stating that this would increase traffic on Coleman Valley. He stated that the increased traffic could threaten open cattle grazing, hinder emergency care access, and increase fire risk, while the parking lot itself and overflow traffic could threaten native grass and badger habitat. He stated that the MND completed by State Parks did not include a traffic study, and is requesting Gold Ridge RCD to write a letter of support to request a full EIS. He recommends that the public use the Arched Rock parking lot to access Carrington. The proposed parking lot would be located 1/8 mile up Coleman Valley Rd from Highway 1. The deadline for comment is October 17, 2008.

IV. Informational Items:

- a. Correspondence and Notices – for directors review
- b. GRRCD Grant Status Updates – Lisa Hulette
Three new grants were approved: SCC Dutch Bill Creek Fish Passage for \$585,000, SCC Estero Americano Dairy Enhancement for \$225,000, and CDFG funding for a Weed Management Area Coordinator. Patricia also submitted a 319h grant proposal to SWRCB for \$450,000 for Phase II of the EA Sediment Reduction.
- c. Valley Ford School Building – Brittany Heck
Brittany reported that the schoolhouse is in need of substantial maintenance.

V. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2008 meeting as mailed
1st/Joe Dutton 2nd/ Barry Fisher
- b. Approval to Request that County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors Appoint Martin Albin (Current Gold Ridge RCD Associate Director) as a Director to the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
1st/Joe Black 2nd/Barry Fisher
- c. **Item of Urgency:** Approval of Final Budget for FY 08/09
1st/Barry Fisher 2nd/Bud Chenoweth
- d. **Item of Urgency:** Acceptance of Letter of Retirement from Director John Black effective November 30, 2008
1st/Joe Dutton 2nd/Barry Fisher
- e. **Item of Urgency:** Acceptance of Letter of Retirement from Director Donald (Bud) Chenoweth effective 11/30/2008
1st/Barry Fisher 2nd/Joe Dutton
- f. Approval of NRCS Activity Report
1st/John Black 2nd/Bud Chenoweth
- g. Approval of Staff Activity Report
1st/Bud Chenoweth 2nd/John Black
- h. Approval of Bookkeepers Report
1st/John Black 2nd/Bud Chenoweth
- i. Approval of Warrant Requests
1st/Bud Chenoweth 2nd/Barry Fisher
- j. Agenda items for November 20, 2008 Meeting
- k. Personnel

VI. Other

VII. Adjournment