

Minutes

Board Meeting of the

GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PHONE: 707.823.5244 FAX: 707.823.5243 February 16, 2017, 3:30-5:30pm

Location: Gold Ridge RCD Office, 2776 Sullivan Rd., Sebastopol, CA 95472

Call for directions

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

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I. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM.

Directors present: Mel Sanchietti, Ann Cassidy, Joe Dutton, Richard Hughes

Directors absent: Torrey Olson

Associate Directors present: Guy Smith Associate Directors absent: Chris Choo

Staff present: Joe Pozzi, Brittany Jensen, Adriana Stagnaro, John Green, Noelle Johnson, William Hart **Others present:** Noel Bouck, Sharon Harston, Brooke Pippi from NRCS (previously Brooke Cole) (Brooke

left the meeting at 4:44pm)

II. OATH OF OFFICE - Ann Cassidy

Ann Cassidy took her Oath of Office.

III. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B))

The March Board of Directors Meeting date was changed from March 16, 2017 to March 23, 2017 at the standard time, 3:30-5:30pm and standard location, the Gold Ridge RCD Office.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).

There was one public comment from Sharon Harston: She would like to see the RCD consider the use of nonnative plants that bloom when natives are not in pollinator hedgerows to provide longer periods of forage for pollinators.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 4-1 Correspondence and Notices/Additional Agenda Items
- 4-2 NRCS Report
- 4-3 Water Update
- 4-4 2016 Outreach Report
- 4-5 **Project Updates:**
 - Green Valley Road Flooding
 - FRGP submissions
 - Water conservation outreach in Green Valley and Dutch Bill watersheds
 - Thomas Creek Ranch Coho Salmon Off-Channel Habitat Landowner workshop
 - Results of professional development workshop

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

5-1 January 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes and January Grant Status Report

Motion to approve Consent Calendar:

1st Hughes **2**nd Sanchietti **Ayes:** Hughes, Dutton, Cassidy, Sanchietti

Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: Olson

VII. ACTION ITEMS

6-1 Approval of January 2017 Financial Report/Warrant Request

Motion to approve Financial Report/Warrant Request:

1st Sanchietti **2**nd Cassidy **Ayes:** Hughes, Dutton, Cassidy, Sanchietti

Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: Olson

6-2 Authorization of Executive Director to enter an Agreement with Prunuske Chatham Inc. for services required through the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) grant agreement 16-006 for a contract amount of no more than \$127,068.00.

The goal of this project is develop two 30% designs for off-channel high flow refugia habitat for salmonids on the Iron Horse Vineyards.

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter an Agreement with Prunuske Chatham Inc. for services required through the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) grant agreement 16-006 for a contract amount of no more than \$127,068.00.

1st Cassidy **2**nd Sanchietti **Ayes:** Hughes, Dutton, Cassidy, Sanchietti

Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: Olson

6-3 Resolution 2017-01 of the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District authorizing submittal of application for the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Program for an amount of \$11,511.

The goal of this project is to clean up an abandoned illegal marijuana grow discovered on a Bodega ranch.

Motion to authorize the submittal of application for the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Program for an amount of \$11,511.

1st Cassidy **2**nd Hughes **Ayes:** Hughes, Dutton, Cassidy, Sanchietti

Nays: None Absent: Olson

6-4 Review of bids, selection of contractor and approval for Executive Director to enter into contract not to exceed \$50,000 with selected contractor at bid amount for Dei Dairy Stormwater Management Project, funded by SWRCB 12-401-251.

The project was identified in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that was prepared by GHD, Inc. in April 2016. The project involves the installation of gutters, gutter hardware, downspouts, and associated components related to a stormwater management project. There are six buildings designated for work and the buildings require some minor structural reinforcement to attach the gutters in a safe and functional manner. The producer has applied for USDA NRCS EQIP funding to complete the underground outlet portion of the project.

Motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into contract not to exceed **\$58,500** with selected contractor at bid amount for Dei Dairy Stormwater Management Project, funded by SWRCB 12-401-251.

1st Cassidy **2**nd Sanchietti **Ayes:** Hughes, Dutton, Cassidy, Sanchietti

Nays: None Absent: Olson

6-5 Authorization for Executive Director to enter an Agreement with Mendocino County RCD (MCRCD) for services required through the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA Grant Agreement No. SCB16073), to implement a project entitled, "Climate-Beneficial Vineyard Management Practices for the North Coast Area." Gold Ridge RCD will be providing services to the MCRCD-SCBG-2017-03 to assist landowners to develop "LandSmart Vineyard Carbon Farm Plans;" conduct Soil Health Assessments, soil sampling, demonstration trials, and provide Project outreach and education activities for a contract amount of no more than \$64,215.00.

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter an Agreement with Mendocino County RCD (MCRCD) for services required through the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA Grant Agreement No. SCB16073), to implement a project entitled, "Climate-Beneficial Vineyard Management Practices for the North Coast Area."

1st Cassidy **2**nd Sanchietti **Ayes:** Hughes, Dutton, Cassidy, Sanchietti

Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: Olson

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND AGENDA SETTING

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

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