



**SUTTER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2024**



CALL TO ORDER

Estefany Sanchez called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mike Johnston, Tom Barnes

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Tim McGee

DIRECTORS TARDY:

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT: Donna Johnston

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Rajvir Sahota-District Manager, Estefany Sanchez- Project Assistant

ADDITIONS/CHANGES to the Agenda:

1). Added Dane Wadle to Public Participation to give depth information about programs that are available in CSDA.

2). DM R. Sahota removed the Special Meeting Request on July 5, 2024 for Cal-Recycle 24-25 Bid due to Holiday.

A motion was made by M. Johnston, and seconded by T. Barnes to approve a Special Meeting for CalRecycle Bid.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Dane Wadle- CA Special District Association

Dane Wadle from CSDA shared programs and resources they have for members online as webinar, workshops, tutorials they have for board members and staff regarding Agendas, minutes, special meetings, Browns act. Dane also mentioned CSDA can connect us with funding programs .

CONSENT CALENDAR AND MONTHLY BILLS

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from May 8, 2024 were reviewed. A motion was made by T. Barnes and seconded by M. Johnston, to approve the May 8, 2024 minutes. Motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bank Balance RV - \$34,813.80

Sutter County - \$14,471.74

Outstanding bills- \$71,653.10

Outstanding invoicing- \$46,817.53

There was a discussion about Quickbook being passed over to E. Sanchez and the processes of needing permission due to having limited user access. D. Johnston added that all cash flow sheets should all be out of Quickbooks not created by Excel.

There was a discussion about the financials that will be under review but still need more work due to moving our bank into Quickbooks. In which, D. Johnston offered to help.

The monthly bills and financial report for the month were reviewed. There was a discussion regarding the 58875 grant being under spent and not having indirect and money only available for payroll expenses. Also, not having office bills in the grants.

There was a discussion about CARCD bill, in hope to resolve this bill, board members suggested paying two months of payroll for CARCD a month.

Director M. Johnston gave an update on the Feather River Parkway. They requested additional photos because they would be presenting it to the Executive Committee.

ONGOING DISTRICT BUSINESS

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the CAPGP, going in a good direction. Goal is to work with farms with Monarch Habitats. Giving farmers all the right benefits will be able to knock them off.

District Manager R. Sahota updated that activity in HSP/SWEEP program has slowed down right now. Colusa will be the ones taking over and will benefit us because farmers will be able to apply with them. A UCCE employee came to the office to give a brief training. But still verifying the applications from last fall due to delinquency.

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the CAFDN, Looking into hiring two regional planners, seven grant writers in hopes to have answers by Fall. Grant is now two years, hoping to extend to three years since there is money available to do so. Was told to stop contacting more farms and for now work with the 6 farmers that have been contacted.

District Manager R. Sahota reported that the application round for the CUSP Drought Grant is closed and did not get the next two years so the grant is ending in April 2025.

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the Cal-Recycle program. She and DJ Baker in Yuba County submitted applications from local property owners for the new round. Took new before and after photos. Will be requesting a few more pictures with new fencing installed. Goal is to do them all in one phase, due in July.

District Manager R. Sahota gave no update on the Equity grant, everything remains the same.

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the Monarch Habitat - Plants at Live Oak Walking Trail started off rough but now some of the plants now have flowers growing. The Live Oak Manager called they were

doing a little bad, reached out to landscapers to clean and watch them. Was suggested to put out signs at habitat locations to be recognized that they were made by SCRCD. 365 plants planted at the Sikh Temple. Sutter RCD Staff will attend an outreach event at Summer Stroll June 15, 2024 partnering with Yuba RCD and NRCS. Will also attend Yuba-Sutter Fair at Palmer Hall with Farm Bureau, UCCE, Yuba RCD and NRCS. There was good attendance at each event and they reported there were many contacts made to further Sutter RCD's reach in the community.

There was a discussion about a new hire recommended by Margot Flynn, the soil hub coordinator. Harmenpreet Sharma will be shared with Colusa RCD and begin in July.

A motion was made by M. Johnston to approve the attempt to hire Harmenpreet Sharma with Colusa County to pay whatever salary is agreed upon Colusa's job agreement. T. Barnes agree to motion, M. Johnston second it.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held on July 10, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m
Sutter County Resource Conservation District - Conference Room
144 Garden Hwy, Yuba City Ca, 9551