



**Madera/Chowchilla
Resource Conservation District
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**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Sept 13, 2023 – 5:00-7:00PM**

- I. Call to Order: 5:10PM by Norman Kuhr**
 - A. Director Roll Call
Attendance was in person at 425 N Gateway Dr, Suite K, Madera, CA. Directors: Norman Kuhr, Matt Angel, Shannon Lest, Andrew Carroll. Staff: Trina Walley, Kevin Reyes, Partners: Collin English (SBIR) Mira Dick (NRCS)

- II. Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

No changes or additions to the agenda.

- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Approval of July Meeting Minutes** – Motion was made by Matt Angel to approve the Meeting Minutes, there was a second by Shannon Lest. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.

- IV. Correspondence & Mail** – Outreach flyers and payroll documents

- V. Public Comments** – No public comments

- VI. Reports**
 - A. Madera County SGMA Update/GSAs – Email from Stephanie Anagnoson
 - Currently under review – posted for public

 - B. NRCS Report – Mira Dick
 - NRCS is currently pushing last of contracting phase. No numbers to report. New grant programs posted (WaterSMART with MID), CSP and combined projects. Expecting new revisions in the CD/Ranking based on feedback this year. New Programs Lead – Brandon helping with these changes.

 - C. Madera Region IRWM/RWMG
 - No update

 - D. Farm Bureau
 - No update

- E. News/Other Meeting Reports – Norman
 - No update

VII. RCD Report: Board Action Items and Discussion Topics

- A. RCPP with American Farmland Trust (I) – Trina Walley
 - Only 2 of the 3 that were pre-approved were contracted.
- B. Biochar Trial Project with American Farmland Trust (I) – Looking at Gross Receipts for Cost Analysis portion of the project.
- C. CDFA Mobile Irrigation Lab (I) (A) – Kevin Reyes
 - Currently working on reporting as harvest started and no evaluations scheduled.
- D. CDFA Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant (I)
 - ESRCD subcontract to MCRCD for \$5,500 per completed plan for total contract of \$66,000 expires December 2024.
 - Motion made by Shannon Lest to approve contract, there was a second by Andrew Carrol. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.
- E. NRCS Groundwater Project (I) – Kevin Reyes
 - Kevin finishing and delivering all 35 groundwater plans required for project.
 - An example of the final Groundwater Conservation Plan was provided.
- F. NRCS Equity Project (I) (A) – Trina Walley
 - A fall workshop with partners is planned when Amy returns.
- G. DOC MLRP (I) – Trina Walley
 - The MLRP group will have a Statewide Meeting Sept 25th that Trina is attending to represent both Stanislaus and Madera counties.
- H. WCB Pollinator Block Grant (I) – Trina Walley
 - No updates
- I. SBIR 2 Grant with IFF (I) – Collin updated the board on the program to capture an assessment of the soils to create a snapshot of the irrigation and Et. Over time it will capture the data to model a site specific benchmark that can help predict water needs.
 - Working on federal funding that they can subcontract to MCRCD for field work.
- J. Board Compliance (I) – Trina Walley
 - Reminder that Form 700 and Ethics Training is due
- K. Upcoming Workshops (I) – Trina Walley
 - No updates
- L. Upcoming Contracts/Agreements (I) (A)– Trina Walley
 - None at this time
- M. Upcoming Grant Applications (I) – Trina Walley
 - Pending SBIR grant
 - Block grant recipients to be announced soon for HSP and SWEEP
 - RCPP was submitted by CARCD for work on Climate Smart Ag that will include subcontracts to RCDs in the San Joaquin Valley for Almonds specifically.

VIII. Financial Report

- Matt Angell made a motion to approve the financial report and expenses, there was a second by Andrew Carroll. Motion passed unanimously by all present directors.
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IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:04PM.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023, 5:00PM