

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YUBA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

4:30 pm Thursday August 6, 2020

Held via Zoom

A. ROLL CALL

President Alyssa Lindman called the meeting to order at 4:51 PM.

Roll Call:

Directors	Present	Absent
Director Alyssa Lindman	X	
Director Gary Fildes		X
Director Deborah Aseltine Neilson	X	
Director Doug Neilson	X	

Others present: Jennifer Sanders (Sutter County RCD Board President)

ACTION ITEMS

B. RESOLUTION #20-4. A RESOLUTION OF THE YUBA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE WITH SUTTER COUNTY RCD (LEAD) IN A CARCD SPECIALTY CROP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HUBS GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FORMATION OF THE YUBA-SUTTER SPECIALTY CROP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HUB, AND TO APPROVE (SIGN) A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION.

Jennifer Sanders provided an overview of the CARCD Specialty Crop Technical Assistance Hubs grant effort. There will be 4 awards total statewide, 1 for each of 4 regions. Yuba/Sutter would be applying in the Northern Region. The total grant is for \$35K plus an additional \$5K in grower stipends. Participants will commit to 5 field days at a host farm, once a month between February and June 2021 with a follow up 2 or 3 demonstration days in the following Fall. Each demonstration day will be hosted by a different grower which explains the additional \$5K stipend - \$1k per demonstration day.

The program will primarily serve Yuba/Sutter Counties but also provide a library of resources created and made available on the web. We have a community that is not English speaking and we would like to help them to access program that, because of the lack of English proficiency, might be otherwise unsuccessful in applying. This could also discourage the

implementation of or education about crop resilience practices. We are aiming at the Punjabi-speaking community but there are also Spanish speaking communities (which have access to a few more opportunities which provide language assistance) in which language can be a barrier to these groups participating in the programs. It is hoped that we will build personal relationships with farmers within the target groups. Also, this program is considered the start of a long-term program with additional funding to be sought in subsequent years.

We will create printed resources, develop relations with local farm communities, develop the online hubs, etc. There will also be workshops for the partners that are awarded grants on how to develop and implement the field demonstration days, and how to fill out applications.

It was decided that this could be a win-win for us demonstrating our ability to develop partnerships and relationships. Director Neilson made a motion to approve our participating in this program and authorizing President Lindman to sign a letter of support for inclusion in grant application. Director Aseltine Neilson seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote (Director Fildes was absent).

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Board, **President Lindman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Neilson. The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.