

# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YUBA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

9:30 am Friday November 8, 2019

To be held at the Yuba County Agricultural Commission Office  
915 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 127, Marysville  
Access through the Yuba County Office Building's main entrance

### A. ROLL CALL

President Alyssa Lindman called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM at the Yuba County Agricultural Commission Office conference room in Marysville, CA.

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent	
Directors	Director Alyssa Lindman		
	Director Gary Fildes		
	Director Doug Neilson		

Others present:

### B. PUBLIC INPUT

There were no public comments.

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### ACTION ITEMS

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### C. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Approval of **Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2019**
2. Approval of **Minutes for Special Board Meeting of October 2, 2019**

Director Fildes made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Director Neilson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### D. FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Review of Cash on Hand for the period ending **October 31, 2019**

Director Fildes reported no change in the RCD's financials.

**Director Neilson made a motion to approve Director Fildes' report as presented. President Lindman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

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## **DISCUSSION/REPORTS**

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### **E. CAMPBELL FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL UPDATE**

Director Neilson reported that the Campbell Foundation did not fund the YCRC's proposal. It appears that the total amount available for all accepted proposals was only \$25,000. At the time of submission, we understood that up to about \$25,000 was available for each proposal accepted. Because of this, we had asked for \$8,000 which amounted to about a third of everything that was available. In retrospect, it was not surprising that we were turned down. On the upside, we are in their system now which should streamline any proposals in the future.

### **F. SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY'S 2019 FOREST HEALTH FULL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

President Lindman provided her thoughts on the submission process, and on what she considered to be potential problems in the proposal. First, she felt that our proposal to work with private landowners might put us outside the bounds of what SNC was comfortable accepting (public lands). It wasn't a clear negative but the conversations she had led her to think that was a concern for SNC.

We also were specified as the lead agency in the proposal and this appeared to cause some concern as well. It was suggested that SNC could perhaps fill this role, but they nixed that idea. President Lindman then went to the YWA and it was suggested that they act as the lead agency. However, without being a part of the submission they couldn't be designate as lead agency. Finally, it was suggested that we would be lead agency and that the YWA would provide support and training to us on being a lead agency. Their direction would be limited to procedural issues and not on what directions to take. YWA provided us with a letter of support for the proposal.

President Lindman feels that we submitted a solid proposal but figured we had maybe a 50/50 chance at funding. Award announcements will be in the March 2020 timeframe with any signatures placed in the May 2020 timeframe.

### **G. POTENTIAL BIOMASS FACILITY (CAMPTONVILLE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND YUBA WATER AGENCY) PROJECT IDEA.**

There was some discussion about the process through which a project of this nature would be funded in Yuba County. Prior to funding (or submission of a proposal to fund), and usually funding comes from DWR, the project would need to be identified in an Integrated Water Management (IRWM) region's plan (IRWMP). An IRWMP is a comprehensive planning document to encourage regional strategies and cooperative solutions for issues of water quality, water quantity and watershed health. It would then list the projects that, if funded, would further the IRWM's vision for the region. Inclusion involves, among other things, a presentation of the project to the IRWM. The IRWMP is updated regular (yearly?). Any funding or project

involvement from the YWA requires presentation to, and acceptance by, the YWA's Project Operations and Development (POD) committee.

This was followed by a discussion about the biomass facility and what exactly was being discussed at a meeting attended by President Lindman. There was some confusion about why a facility that's been around since 2013 is just now looking for partners. Consensus is that the YWA wants to help them out. Camptonville was looking for a site and had determined that Celestial Valley would be a good option. However, in order to sell electricity to PG&E, the closest connection was in Pike and PG&E would make CCP pay for the infrastructure from Celestial Valley to Pike. They now have another site on Marysville Road which is right near the PG&E transmission lines. In any case, electricity from biomass is relatively expensive and PG&E just doesn't appear interested in purchasing that power. Funding is in line, however. It was suggested by YWA that we might be interested in becoming involved. What our role would be, or if it is being sought is still not clear either. Director Fildes felt this was more of a local jobs program for the Camptonville but, again, we don't know what our role, if any, would be.

#### **H. DIRECTOR'S INPUT**

**1. Office sharing with WP&FSC.** Tim McCoy (YC Administrative Services) said that we could share our space with the FSC if we so desired, and it could be set up that we are the lead agency and in control of how the space would be allocated. Tim planned to draw up a new agreement for us in any case, once the current NRCS agreement expires. We can work on an MOU with the FSC laying out expectations when and if we get closer to moving with this.

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no other business in front of the Board, President Lindman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Fildes seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 PM.**