



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 17, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yuba County Resource Conservation District (YCRCD) was held on **September 17, 2021**, commencing at **9:30 A.M.** The meeting was conducted by Zoom Video Conference and Audio Teleconference.

The Yuba County Resource Conservation District supports the orders and directives from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor’s Office in the effort to minimize the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Governor’s Executive Order N-29-30 enables meetings of legislative bodies to be conducted by way of teleconference.

ROLL CALL

| Directors | Present | Absent |
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| Alyssa Lindman (President) | X | |
| Gary Fildes | X | |
| Deborah Aseltine Neilson | X | |

Others Present:

- Gurveen Dhillon, Sutter County RCD
- Simar Bains, Sutter County RCD
- Brian Edinger, Golden State Risk Management Authority

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments provided.

CONSENT ITEMS

No consent Items.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Monarch Coloring Contest Approval for awards.
Upon a motion made by Director Aseltine Neilson, seconded by Director Lindman and unanimously carried, the Board approved a payment to Sutter County RCD to cover YCRCD’s portion of the funds needed to cover the Monarch Coloring Contest awards.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. Presentation by Brian Edinger - Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA)

Brian spoke about how GSRMA is a public risk management agency that caters to small - mid size programs that don't have staff/HR/etc. He talked about the many different benefits they have such as member services, claims, employee benefits, risk management, and workers comp. They offer monthly training and site inspections as well. They have a Human Resources Hotline for small programs that may need the assistance.

C. Partner Reports

Sutter County RCD

The Sutter RCD Project Manager provided an update on joint Sutter County RCD-YCRCRD actions. Sutter County RCD hosted the Monarch Coloring Contest with Yuba and Colusa RCD's where they picked three winners per age group for First-Third prize winners and three First Place Tri-County winners (each of whom received a tablet).

The Sutter RCD Project Manager indicated that the first Hub (workshop) for the Specialty Crop TA Grant is planned for Wednesday next week and will cover composting. The Sutter RCD plan is to have a booth at these workshops and provide flyers with information on the different Hubs that will take place throughout the year.

The Sutter RCD Project Manager updated the Board on the CalRecycle proposal. YCRCRD should hear about the funding by November.

The Sutter Technical Assistance Provider touched on what he has done thus far on the Monarch Grant, and how he plans to meet with growers very soon.

Sutter RCD will be hosting a river clean up on Saturday, September 18th, to help get the Parkway project started and the Yuba-Sutter community involved. Also, Farm Day, sponsored by the Farm Bureau, will be on September 24th at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds. Sutter RCD plans to have a booth at this event and will be providing information on monarchs.

D. Financial Report

Director Fildes reported that the current balance is \$20,689.87.

E. Audit

Director Fildes reported that he spoke with the County Auditors department and the last audits performed were in 2003 and 2008. Director Lindman asked Director Fildes if he can ask CARCD for an exception for this audit or if they can get the County Treasurer to perform the audit. Director Fildes will check with the County Treasurer. Director Aseltine Neilson will contact CARCD about the exception.

F. Computer Software and Hardware

The Board discussed what computer software and hardware should be purchased. Director Aseltine Neilson will put together a budget for the items the Board decided should be purchased.

G. Website Update

Director Lindman mentioned that the website is almost finished and live. All that's left is to figure out how to coordinate the redirect from the old website and the launching of the new website. The new URL is www.yubarcd.specialdistrict.org

H. Project Updates

Director Lindman discussed the possibility with Allison Thomson, Executive Director of the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council (YWPFSC), about incorporating the Foothill Clean-up Program under the YWPFSC. This program seems to align well with the mission of the YWPFSC, but it is time intensive, and funding is still needed. Allison Thomson doesn't think that the YWPFSC currently has the capacity to take on this program. Director Lindman is not sure what will happen with the program. She suggested that the Board continue to look for funding and plan to revisit it when the Board has an employee. Meanwhile, Director Lindman will contact the landowners who were included in the initial proposal to let them know the status of the program.

Director Lindman provided information to the Sierra Nevada Alliance so that funding for a Forest Fellow for YCRCD would be included in their grant proposal to CalFire. She is still waiting to hear whether or not YCRCD got this funding. She also has discussed the possibility with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy about getting funding from them for a Forest Fellow who would be shared with the YWPFSC. These internships cost around \$24,000 a year, so the cost for YCRCD would be about \$12,000. Director Lindman indicated to both the Sierra Nevada Alliance and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy that this expense would be difficult to cover given the YCRCD's current budget, so the YCRCD really needs the fellow to be funded through one of these grant programs.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In addition to the efforts regarding the Foothill Clean-up package and the "Forest" fellow, Director Lindman is continuing to meet weekly with Randy Fletcher, Allison Thomson (YWPFSC), and Creighton Avila (Yuba Water Agency) to discuss how the agencies can partner to tackle some of the fire and water issues in the foothills. Director Lindman also asked Amy Stork how much additional cost it would be to add to the Needs Assessment an overlap assessment with the YWPFSC (that is, adding a focused assessment of the relationship between YCRCD and the YWPFSC including the overlap in the needs and priorities of the two organizations). Amy Stork estimated that it would cost about \$1000 more to do this additional work. Director Lindman also has been working on the updated workplan and budget for the DOC grant.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND REPORTS

The Board discussed potential agenda items for the next meeting. These include the update to the DOC grant, an update on the audit and website, presentation from Pa Yang, and a budget for computer items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.