



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 07, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yuba County Resource Conservation District (YCRCD) was held on **January 07, 2022**, 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).

The Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions.

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present:
 Gurveen Dhillon, Sutter County RCD

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments provided.

CONSENT ITEMS

No consent Items.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Adoption of Resolution #22-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YUBA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS, RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A

STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S ORDER DATED MARCH 4, 2020, AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF YUBA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 7, 2022 – FEBRUARY 6, 2022, PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS. Upon motion made by Director Lindman, seconded by Director Fildes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution #22-1.

- B. Approval for Director Lindman to sign agreement with Larry Bain to conduct audit for YCRCD that covers last two years. Audit should be done by June. Billing will be monthly; part of this cost will be covered by the DOC grant. Director Lindman will check with the DOC grant liaison to see if we can request reimbursement monthly as well. Upon motion made by Director Fildes, seconded by Director Aseltine Neilson and unanimously carried, the Board approved Director Lindman signing the agreement with Larry Bain to conduct the audit.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Director Lindman reported that she has been working with Amy Stork on the Needs Assessment. Amy Stork has set up individual interviews next week with all of the Board members. The focus group meetings are scheduled for the last two weeks of January. Yuba RCD Board members will not be participating in these focus group meetings. External one-on-one interviews will be held with Randy Fletcher, Allison Thomson, JoAnna Lessard, and Jennifer Sanders. In addition to a focus group meeting with Kelli Evans and the staff from the Sutter County RCD, there will be 3 additional focus group meetings with about 4 people in each group. Director Lindman then mentioned that the Board retreat will consist of two 3-hour meetings, one to be held in February and the other to be held in March. The board members will get back to Director Lindman on their availability for the possible dates for these meetings.

Amy Stork provided Director Lindman with some draft questions for the Board members' interviews. Director Lindman will send these to the Board members. Also, when looking through the materials to provide Amy Stork, Director Lindman realized that the Board needs to update the YCRCD long-range plan.

Amy Stork also will be including in the Needs Assessment a focused assessment on our forest resources and our partnership with the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council (YWPFSC). Although Director Lindman is still working with Amy Stork on what this will look like, she expects that it will include some additional interview time with Allison Thomson. Director Lindman also invited Creighton Avila (Yuba Water Agency) to participate. He previously met with Director Lindman and Allison Thomson to talk about RCD roles on managing forest and watershed resources as he has experience working with RCDs. The ultimate hoped-for outcome was to bring together a large group of partners to work together to address forest and watershed resources and to have one executive director to help coordinate these activities (in particular, to coordinate activities between the Yuba Water Agency, the YWPFSC, and the YCRCD). Yuba County has been looking for such a person but has been unable to fill this position.

Director Lindman also will be talking tomorrow to Chris Dallas (Sierra Nevada Conservancy). Last year she worked with the SNC to request a Sierra Nevada Alliance Forest Fellow who

would be shared by the YCRCD and the YWPFSC. We did not get this fellow, but Director Lindman plans to continue this effort in hopes of getting a fellow. Such an individual could help the YCRCD move forward on forest projects as well as help with grant submissions and funding opportunities.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Aseltine Neilson indicated that she hopes to attend the Monarch Working Group call. She also will fill out the Monarch Working Group survey that Simar Bains sent out. In addition, she is still waiting on an email regarding the website and that she will begin working on the Annual Work Plan and Budget.

The Board discussed potential agenda items for the next meeting including a website update, review of a draft annual work plan and budget, and another virtual meeting resolution.

The Board also discussed the need to deposit all checks into the Yuba County account as the County Auditor's Department submits to the State Controller's Office the required transaction report for YCRCD.

Regarding QuickBooks, the SCRCB got the lowest package available which was \$12.50 per month. This is a lot less than the \$860 annual fee we just paid, but Dewaina indicated that we need more than just a basic program. Director Fildes will talk to Dewaina again about our specific needs and then will reach out to a representative with QuickBooks to discuss options.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 A.M.