



Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

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Minutes

Meeting of the

GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Thursday, March 19, 2015, 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Gold Ridge RCD Office: 2776 Sullivan Rd, Sebastopol, CA 95472
Call for directions

Time: 6-8pm

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS**
- II. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.
Directors present: Richard Hughes, Jill Butler, Joe Dutton, Ann Cassidy, Torrey Olson,
Associate Directors present: Bob Burke, Al Gerhardt present until 6:30pm.
Associate Directors absent: None
Staff present: Joe Pozzi, Brittany Heck, Adriana Stagnaro
Others present: Brooke Cole NRCS, Noel Bouck Salmon Creek Watershed Council
- III. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B))**
 - *Bob Burke added Item 4-4 Gold Ridge RCD E-Newsletter and Blog*
 - *Brittany added Item 4-5 Gold Ridge RCD Board Treasurer*
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT** Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).
- V. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - 4-1 **Correspondence and Notices/Additional Agenda Items-** Brittany Heck
 - *Growing Our Farms, April 23, Showcase Cafe at Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1-5pm*
 - *New designs for the logo were discussed, and a logo committee was created. Its members are Torrey Olson and Joe Dutton with Adriana and Brittany.*
 - *John Green was awarded Restorationist of the Year by the Salmonid Restoration Federation.*
 - *Our tour of large wood and off-channel habitats on Thomas Creek Ranch for the 33rd Annual Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference on March 11th received rave reviews from conference attendees.*
 - 4-2 **NRCS Report-** Brooke Cole
 - *NRCS has advertized a joint biologist position with Point Blue Conservation Science*

- NRCS has hired a new soil conservation planner, Emma Chow
- Heather Cuevas is returning as Farm Bill Administrator
- NRCS will soon advertise for an engineer
- NRCS has open positions at the entry level
- Another year of drought funding is uncertain
- Carla Suarez State Conservationist met and talked with NRCS about California tiger salamander (CTS) habitat and difficulties in implementing conservation practices in the CTS habitat
- 55 EQIP applications have been submitted to date; this is 50% less than in previous years
- Rural Energy for America program is happening now

4-3 **Financial and Sustainability Committee Report-** Torrey Olson

- Committee is working to develop a plan to raise staff wages while addressing the budget deficit

4-4 **Gold Ridge RCD E-Newsletter and Blog-** Bob Burke

- Bob Burke gave glowing compliments to the blog and e-newsletter; he thanks William Hart for his work in producing them.

4-5 **Gold Ridge RCD Board Treasurer**

- Torrey Olson was made treasurer of the Board of Directors at the February 19th Board meeting

VI. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5-1 **February 19, 2015 Minutes**

5-2 **February Grant Status Report**

Motion to approve Consent Calendar

1st Cassidy /2nd Butler

Ayes: Dutton, Olson, Hughes,

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: None

VII. **ACTION ITEMS**

6-1 **Approval of NRCS Report**

Motion to approve NRCS Report

1st Olson /2nd Hughes

Ayes: Dutton, Butler, Cassidy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: None

6-2 **Approval of Financial Report/Warrant Request**

Motion to approve Financial Report/Warrant Request

1st Olson /2nd Butler

Ayes: Dutton, Hughes, Cassidy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: None

6-3 **Resolution 2015-02 to Authorize Agreement with CA Department of Fish and**

Wildlife—Brittany Heck. Resolution to sign the agreement for the Bodega Water Company Large Storage Tank Design.

- *Ann Cassidy recused herself and left the room because she is a Bodega Water Company customer.*

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-02

1st Butler /2nd Olson

Ayes: Dutton, Hughes

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: Cassidy

6-4 Resolution 2015-03 to Authorize Agreement with California State Coastal Conservancy—Brittany Heck. Resolution to sign the agreement for the Salmon Creek Dairy Water Conservation Project. This project is to construct a 1+ million gallon roof water catchment project.

- *Richard Hughes recused himself and left the room due to his ownership of the dairy.*

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-03

1st Cassidy /2nd Butler

Ayes: Dutton, Olson

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: Hughes

6-5 Resolution 2015-04 to Authorize Agreement with CA Department of Fish and Wildlife—Brittany Heck. Resolution to sign the agreement for the 2014 Dutch Bill Creek Coho Habitat Enhancement Project. This project will construct 10 large wood structures in the 1300ft reach of Dutch Bill Creek just downstream of the project installed in 2013.

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-04

1st Butler /2nd Cassidy

Ayes: Dutton, Olson, Hughes

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: None

VIII. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Brown Act Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Evaluation Position: Executive Director, Annual Evaluation

- *This item was unanimously moved to next month's Board meeting.*

IX. RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING and REPORT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

- *This item was unanimously moved to next month's Board meeting.*

X. ADJOURNMENT AND AGENDA SETTING Meeting closed at 7:52 pm.

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