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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, October 9, 2013 **TIME:** 5:05 pm – 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Yolo County RCD Office, 221 W. Court St. Ste. 8, Woodland, CA

Directors Present: Giovanni Ferrendelli - Chair, Garth Williams, Michael Leacox. Director Long was delayed due to a funeral.

Directors Absent: Suellen Witham

Associate Directors Present: Jim Mayer

Associate Directors Absent: Trent Stanger

Others Present: Benjamin Leacox, Tim O'Halloran – GM, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

AGENDA

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions-**The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Chair Ferrendelli.
2. ***Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION: Leacox; SECOND: Williams. DISCUSSION: Amend the motion to include a revision of the agenda to include approval of two new cost centers, YP09 – Wetlands seeding at Grasslands Regional Park and SP01- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Cottonwood Slough Restoration. MOTION: Leacox; SECOND: Williams; AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Williams, Leacox)
3. *****Public comment:** Benjamin Leacox was introduced as someone with a possible interest in Associate Directorship. There were no comments from the public.
4. **Special Reports and Presentations:** Westside IRWMP (Integrated Regional Water Management Plan) discussion – Jim Mayer. Mr. Mayer asked Ms. Wrynski to give some background and overview, which she did. Mr. Mayer then talked about the context with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, regional issues, local watershed issues and some innovative projects (example from city of Los Angeles) developed through IRWMPs. He urged the RCD Board to ratify the document. He took questions from the Board. Chair Ferrendelli stated that the Board will be further reviewing the document and will put it on future agendas.
5. ***Approval and payment of Claims:** Director Williams stated that all expenses appeared ordinary. ACTION: Approve the claims as presented; MOTION: Leacox; SECOND: Williams; AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Williams, Leacox, Long)
6. **Regular Reports**
 - a. NRCS Update – Phil Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist: Mr. Hogan was not present due to the Government shut-down, so now NRCS update was provided.
 - b. Executive Director's Report and Upcoming Events – Jeanette Wrynski, Ms. Wrynski reported that she and the Exec. Director of the Yolo Land Trust are working together on a possible riparian enhancement for property on which they hold an easement. She met with Matthew Danielczyk to discuss CCCs and how they interface with agencies. The RCD received an invitation to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of the EIS/EIR for Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage. She renewed membership in the Sac Valley Area CARCD. Membership went up but it was appropriate. She reminded the Board of the Area meeting on Thursday, October 10th and that Karen Buhr has asked that two Directors from each RCD attend due to a presentation from Conservation Strategies Group. PG&E work within the Arboretum project area could possibly delay our ability to plant this winter. This would provide a logistical challenge with keeping staff employed in the interim.

- c. Board Member Reports and Comments Director Longs stated that the RCDs place is in soil erosion control plans and not with nutrient management plans. She recommended contacting the Farm Bureau (done previously) and getting QSP/QSD certification. Chair Ferrendelli said he felt that ideas had been offered previously but not pursued and that another effort should be made on irrigation efficiency fee-for-service; working with the almond growers association; forming groups of RCDs for nutrient management, cover crops and soil erosion management. A pilot project could be developed to bring about the engagement of other RCDs with Yolo RCD as the hub. Director Williams offered the idea of working on different harvesting methods to improve air quality.
- d. Business acquisition: Ms Wrynski reported that she has been looking for ways to assist landowners with complying with the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program via the nutrient and sediment management plans; she has discussed with the Director of the Yolo Basin Foundation the management of a possible drainage district in the Yolo Bypass related to salmon rearing and BDCP; she is working on a proposal submission to Solano County Water Agency to provide administrative support for the Westside Sac IRWMP Coordinating Committee.

7. Continuing Topics:

- a. Strategic Planning Committee Report – Chair Ferrendelli stated that this committee is on hiatus.
- b. *Possible adoption of Westside IRWMP – This will be continued to the November meeting.

8. New Business:

- a. Sac Valley Area CARCD meeting 10/10/13 – Chair Ferrendelli is unable to attend, Director Williams may be able to.
- b. *Approve new cost center YP08 for planting at Grasslands Regional Park; YP09-Wetland seed at Grasslands Regional Park; and FP01-Partners for Fish and Wildlife Cottonwood Slough Restoration ACTION: Approve these three new cost centers; MOTION: Leacox; SECOND: Williams; AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Williams, Leacox, Long).
- c. Discussion of RCD project tracking and accounting – continue this to the next agenda
- d. Proposal to Administer local IRWMP- per above, a proposal is being prepared for submission.
- e. Prop84 Urban Greening Arboretum grant discussion – this was partially discussed above, per possible PG&E impacts on project timing. Ms. Wrynski suggested the possible need to develop a reserve fund, separate from our operating funds, as protection for retaining staff when things occur outside of our control which impact project implementation, timing, and our ability to pay staff. Director Long stated that this was simply not necessary. No other Board members had comments.
- f. Board Input for Upcoming Topics

- 9. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** The Annual CARCD Conference overlaps with the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The meeting date/time was changed to Tuesday, November 19th at 4:00 p.m. Director Leacox requested that the Board members be polled nearer that meeting to see if a 3:00 start time might be possible, as this would assist him with a subsequent appointment.

- 10. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Ferrendelli.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jeanette Wrynski, Executive Director. Approved on _____, 2013 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:

Jeanette Wrynski, Executive Director