

Humboldt  
County



RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# Board of Directors Meeting

*The Mission of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District is to enhance and improve the sustainability of natural resources by educating, providing training, and assisting private and public landowners and land users.*

## AGENDA

Thursday, October 10, 2019

8:00 A.M.

Agricultural Center – Auditorium – 5630 South Broadway - Eureka

(Items marked with \* are attached to director packets.)

To request board packet information, please contact Doreen Hansen at 707-832-5593)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dan Cohoon, Chairman
2. **INTRODUCTIONS**
3. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA** (Gov. Code 54954.2(B))
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
Any person may address the Board regarding any matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. Members of the public may also comment on agenda items when they are discussed. (Gov. Code 54954.3(a))
5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
  - 5.1 District Correspondence (*Circulated at meeting*)
  - 5.2 HCRCD Director Updates and Announcements – Directors may provide updates on their activities related to the HCRCD such as other meetings attended and other relevant announcements.
  - 5.3 NRCS Update – Discussion on NRCS-RCD Memorandum of Agreement, *Jon Shultz, NRCS District Conservationist*
  - 5.4 UCCE Update - Jeffery Stackhouse, *Rangeland Specialist*
6. **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**
  - 6.1 Minutes for Regular Meeting of August 8, 2019\* presented for approval
  - 6.2 September 2019 Financial Report presented for approval (*Handout*)
7. **SALT RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT \*- POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - 7.1 Update and discussion of construction activities
  - 7.2 Discussion and possible action regarding Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) and management of Riverside Ranch (Salt River Unit of the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Eel River Wildlife Management Area).

**8. NOVEMBER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

8.1 Discussion and Applicants

**9. RCD PROJECT UPDATES and STAFF REPORTS\***

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 8 a.m.**

Meeting location: Agriculture Center Auditorium, 5630 South Broadway (Humboldt Hill exit), Eureka, CA

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Humboldt County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2019**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Cohoon at 8:06 am
2. Roll Call and Introductions
  - 2.1 HCRCD Board- Sandra Dale, Dan Cohoon, Mark Moore, Gary Markegard, Ryan Rice, Gary Belli, Peter Bussman  
HCRCD Board Excused- None  
HCRCD Staff- Program Manager Curtis Ihle, Watershed Coordinator Doreen Hansen, Project Coordinator Summer Daugherty, Office Manager Lauri Barnwell, Project Coordinator Frances Tjarnstrom, Executive Director Jill Demers,  
HCRCD Staff Excused- none  
Guests- Melissa Lema-WUD, Joseph Alexandre, Lane Russ, and Kathy Phillis.
3. Changes to agenda, remove item 5.3 NRCS Jon Shultz Update.
4. No public comment received not directly related to an agenda item.
5. Informational Items-
  - 5.1 Correspondence distributed for review by Directors.
  - 5.2 No Director up-dates.
  - 5.3 NRCS District Conservationist Jon Shultz-Removed Item
6. Board Action Items-
  - 6.1 Motion by Director Markegard to approve the Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2019 with correction to note Director Dale as not present. Second by Director Belli. Ayes-Bussman, Dale, Cohoon, Rice, Moore Noes-None.
  - 6.2 Motion by Director Moore to accept the HCRCD Monthly Financial Statements as presented and approve the staff recommendation as outlined. Second by Director Markegard. Ayes-Dale, Bussman, Cohoon, Rice, Belli. Noes-None
7. Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project-
  - 7.1 The 2019 Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project implementation footprint is to extend from near Market Street to around HWY 211 Bridge. The 2019 project has a smaller channel width reducing the overall amount of sediment to be excavated, however, fine grading will be necessary. McCullough Construction is currently on site. Approximately 50% of the channel excavation has been completed, vegetation clearing is nearly complete, large wood structures and erosion control is being placed. Sediment off haul to re-use sites and facilities has begun. McCullough continues to adjust construction schedule as needed to work with current site conditions. Future construction planning continues to ensure the success of the currently constructed channel and meet the overall project goals.
  - 7.2 Staff continues to work with consultants on required project monitoring reports. Staff, Watershed Council, agencies, and other interested parties are continuing to refine the Adaptive Management Plan for the successful maintenance and monitoring of the Salt River Ecosystem Project. The fall AMP meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held regarding Riverside Ranch berm as related to flooding and draining of surrounding lands. A public meeting was held September 6<sup>th</sup> for review of the Riverside Ranch Water Level Monitoring Report. Landowner, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, NRCS, USFWS, and adjacent landowners reviewed the report findings. The HCRCD Board of Directors requested an invitation be extended to CDFW to attend

the October Board meeting. Additional discussion held regarding continued monitoring needs as related to the report findings and the uncertainty and risks of future water events.

Motion by Director Bussman for the HCRC D to solicit funding for an investigative analysis of possible berm modifications. Second by Director Rice. Ayes-Dale, Markegard, Moore, Belli Noes-None

8. The HCRC D annual organizational meeting will take place at the November Board of Directors Monthly Meeting. Board to be provided with updated roster outlining position terms. County of Humboldt accepted process for replacement of Directors outlined. Interested parties encouraged to submit letters of interest and applications.
9. HCRC D provided a written staff report outlining current activities and project updates, including development of Carbon Farm Plans through funding with Organic Valley; awarded CDFW and CalFire contracts; NRCS Wetland Easement Program restoration efforts; DOC Forest Health Watershed Coordinator hiring process; DWR Groundwater regulations; and working with CARCD on a Cannabis Self-Assessment. Executive Director Jill Demers will be returning to work on a part-time basis mid-September.
10. Future agenda items CARCD update
11. Next regular Board Meeting scheduled for November 14, 2019 at 8 a.m.
12. Meeting adjured at 9:14 a.m.