



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, March 8, 2018

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 Jill Demers at 707-832-5594)

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 Producer funding opportunities (*Handouts circulated at meeting*)
 - 5.2.1 California Dept. of Food and Ag Healthy Soils Incentives Program – open grant period for producers to implement conservation management practices that sequester carbon and improve soil health.
 - 5.2.2 California Dept. of Food and Ag Alternative Manure Management Program – open grant period to apply for financial assistance for the implementation of non-digester manure management practices that will result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
 - 5.3 California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Request for Proposals for Excess Vegetation Control (Grazing) at Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) the Ocean Ranch Unit and Salt River Unit (Riverside Ranch) of the Eel River Wildlife Area (*Circulated at meeting*)*
 - 5.4 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.
 - 5.5 NRCS Update – *Jon Shultz, NRCS District Conservationist*
 - 5.6 University of California Cooperative Extension Report – *Jeffery Stackhouse, UCCE Livestock Advisor*
6. **SALT RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT *- ACTION**
 - 6.1 Discuss Upper Phase 2A (2017) Notice of Completion Memo and progress of riparian replanting
 - 6.2 Discuss progress of 2018 implementation planning and possible action regarding landowner agreements and requested modifications to project
 - 6.3 Review and potential approval of Resolution 18-01 to approve addendum to Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project Environmental Impact Report Project Description

6.4 Discuss Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) for monitoring and management of Riverside Ranch (Salt River Unit of the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Eel River Wildlife Management Area) and updates on CDFW requests for proposals.

6.5 Discuss Adaptive Management Program update.

7. RCD PROJECT UPDATES and STAFF REPORTS*

8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Minutes for meeting of February, 2018* presented for approval

8.2 March Financial Report presented for approval (*Handout*)

8.3 Distribute Form 700

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 8 a.m.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Director's Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2018

Humboldt Agricultural Center 5630 South Broadway Eureka, CA

1. **Meeting called to order** by Board Chairman Dan Cohoon at 8:04 am.
2. **Attendance**
 - Directors Present-D. Cohoon, G. Markegard , G. Belli, P. Bussman
 - Directors Excused - H. Klopper, M. Moore, J. Renner
 - HCRCO Staff -J. Demers- Executive Director, C. Ihle-Program Manager, D. Hansen-Project Coordinator, L. Barnwell-Office Manager, F. Tjarnstrom-Project Coordinator, S. Daugherty-Project Coordinator
 - Staff Excused- S. Rowe-Project Coordinator
 - Guests- Rex Bohn-Humboldt County District Supervisor, Jon Shultz-NRCS District Conservationist, Jeff Stackhouse-UCCE Livestock Advisor, Kathy Phillis
3. **Changes or Additions to agenda**

Move Item 6 ahead of Item 7.
4. **Public Comment**

Comments to be presented during corresponding agenda item.
5. **Informational Items**
 - 5.1 District Correspondence was discussed and circulated for review during the meeting.
 - 5.2 No Director's reports received.
 - 5.3 NRCS Update-Jon Shultz, NRCS District Conservationist provided an update on potential effects caused by a Federal government shutdown, notably impacts to scheduling and imposed travel limitations. NRCS currently working through a continuing resolution with solid funding through March, future funding not yet determined. FY 2019 USDA cuts predicted in natural resource areas. NRCS and HCRCO continuing to work on National Association of Conservation District (NACD) agreement for funding of a resource engineer.
 - 5.4 USFWS Partners and Coastal Programs Update-No Report
 - 5.5 University of California Cooperative Extension Update- Jeff Stackhouse, Livestock Advisor provided update on prescribed fire and establishment of a burn association, continuing regulations working through the legislation process for oak woodlands and prescribed fire management programs, and Federal budgets may impact UCCE programs. UCCE staff is working on current grants and publishing documents on completed research projects.
6. **Board Action Items**
 - 6.1 Motion by Director Markegard to approve the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District minutes of January 11, 2018. Second by Director Bussman. Ayes-Directors Cohoon, Belli. Noes-None
 - 6.2 Motion by Director Bussman to approve the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District monthly financial statement and authorize payment of expenses as presented in the staff recommendation. Second by Director Markgard. Ayes-Directors Cohoon, Belli. Noes-None
 - 6.3 Annual Form 700 distributed to Directors.

- 6.4 Motion by Director Markegard to approve extension of the Bertha Russ Lytel Foundation Line of Credit. Second by Director Bussman. Ayes-Directors Belli, Cohoon. Noes-None
- 6.5 Annual Work Plan review and approval moved to a future meeting.
- 7. Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project-Action**
- 7.1 Upper Phase 2A(2017)-Construction for 2017 has been completed. SWPP monitoring underway. Heavy rains closed Port Kenyon Road near the Waste Water Treatment Plant due to flooding and ponding in the roadway. A culvert was installed during the 2017 construction season intended to drain the area but the culvert was set higher than the plans indicated. The culvert was reset in February 2018 by Figas Construction and assistance provided by the County of Humboldt.
- 7.2 2018 Implementation Planning- Discussions are continuing to be held with landowners, design team and agencies regarding 2018 design and implementation activities. Unresolved design items on the Albin floodplain are continuing to be addressed. The HCRCD moved forward with Coastal Development Permit amendment requests and received positive feedback with requests for additional information. Scalvini Ranch Partnership a met with HCRCD Executive Director, HCRCD Board Director Belli, and GHD engineering team to review 2018 footprint and design in an attempt to identify and address the landowners concerns. Following the meeting, the Scalvini's provided the Board of Directors a list of stipulation related to construction design and implementation of the 2018 Salt River Project, including relocating channel to neighbors property, placing fill in a wetland, and compensation. The Board of Directors discussed the items outlined in the response letter and directed Staff to schedule a Salt River Executive Committee meeting to explore options for addressing outstanding issues.
- 7.3 Riverside Ranch-Kamman Hydrology, GHD and HCRCD Staff have been implementing the monitoring plan for the study of the flooding and drainage around Riverside Ranch. Data from transducers has been downloaded, analysis to be completed and report compiled. Public comment received as to the availability of the data. Presentation will be scheduled with completion of data analysis, data will guide next steps in addressing concerns.
- 7.4 Monitoring and Adaptive Management Activities- Annual reports in process. No additional update.
8. **RCD Project Updates and Staff Report**- handout was provided for review. Additional discussion held on fee for service through technical assistance to landowners with application and permitting processes as related to funding opportunities, job opportunity announcement was posted for engineering supported through National Association of Conservation Districts grant, and two CDFA Alternative Manure Management Grant applications (submitted by producers with assistance from staff) submitted received funding.
9. **Future Agenda Items requested by Directors:**
- Establish members for the Salt River Adaptive Management Committee
 - Funding and/or Line of Credit opportunities for the HCRCD
 - Review Annual Work Plan
10. **Next regular monthly meeting** scheduled for **Thursday, March 8, 2018** 8am at the Humboldt Agricultural Center.
11. **Business Meeting adjourned** by Chairman Cohoon at 10:16am.