

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, January 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 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 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 – *Jon Shultz, NRCS District Conservationist*
 - 5.4 UCCE Update – *Jeff Stackhouse, UCCE Livestock Advisor*
6. **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**
 - 6.1 Minutes for Regular Meeting of December 13, 2018* presented for approval
 - 6.2 January Financial Report presented for approval (*Handout*)
7. **SALT RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT *- ACTION**
 - 8.1 Discuss 2019 implementation planning and possible action regarding landowner agreements and implementation scheduling
 - 8.2 Discuss Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) and Salt River Watershed Council activities.
8. **RCD PROJECT UPDATES and STAFF REPORTS***
9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, February 14, 2019 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 Directors Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2018**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Cohoon at 8:02 am
2. Introductions
 - 2.1 HCRCD Board-Dan Cohoon, Gary Markegard, Gary Belli, Mark Moore
HCRCD Directors Excused-Peter Bussman, Jim Renner, Sandra Dale
HCRCD Staff-Executive Director Jill Demers, Program Manager Curtis Ihle, Watershed Coordinator Doreen Hansen, Project Coordinator Frances Tjarnstrom, Project Coordinator Summer Daugherty, Office Manager Lauri Barnwell
Guests-NRCS District Conservationist Jon Shultz, UCCE Livestock Advisor-Jeff Stackhouse, Point Blue/NRCS Kate Howard, Kathy Phillis, LACO Kelly Morris and Christine Manhart
3. No additions or changes to the agenda.
4. No public comments received.
5. Informational Items-
 - 5.1 District correspondence discussed and circulated at meeting for review. Letters for Board of Directors reappointment circulated for review.
 - 5.2 No Directors Reports.
 - 5.3 NRCS District Conservationist Jon Shultz provided an update on current Farm Bill and funding under continuing resolution for current activities. Yearend activities underway with project contract closeout and landowner payments. Directors requested update at future meeting on Federal regulations as related to Cannabis.
 - 5.4 UCCE Livestock Advisor Jeff Stackhouse provided an update on current activities and programs. Fundraising efforts continue towards an upgraded AG Center kitchen, 4-H at an all-time high for member enrollment, numerous fire related programs underway as well as funding opportunities and continuing research for Oak Woodlands.
6. Board Action Items-
 - 6.1 Motion by Director Markegard to approve the Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2018. Second by Director Moore. Ayes-Belli, Cohoon Noes-None.
 - 6.2 Motion by Director Markegard to accept the HCRCD Monthly Financial Statements as presented and approve the staff recommendation as outlined. Second by Director Moore. Ayes-Belli, Cohoon. Noes-None
 - 6.3 Motion by Director Markegard to approve Resolution No 18-09 endorsing the application to California Department of Fish and Wildlife 2019 Proposition 1 & Proposition 68 Restoration Grant Opportunity for advance planning in the Williams Creek watershed and conditionally accepting the grant if offered. Second by Director Belli. Ayes-Cohoon, Moore. Noes-None
 - 6.4 Motion by Director Markegard to authorize Resolution No 18-10 accepting California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Restoration Grant Program grant funding offered for project entitled Restoring Fish Passage from Salt River to Williams Creek. Second by Director Belli. Ayes-Cohoon, Moore. Noes-None
7. Board of Directors Annual Organizational Session-
 - 7.1 Oath of Office for reappointed Director Dan Cohoon.
 - 7.2 Discussion and review of Annual Plan. Motion by Director Markegard to accept and approve Annual Plan as presented. Second by Director Moore. Ayes-Cohoon, Belli. Noes-None.
 - 7.3 Review and discussion of current grant agreements and contracts.

7.4 Committees reviewed and discussed. Motion by Director Markegard to accept and approve current Standing Committees; Executive, Soil Health and Dairy with removal of former Director Klopper from Soil Health, and Adhoc Committees; Salt River and Riverside Ranch maintaining current members. Second by Director Moore. Ayes-Cohoon, Belli. Noes-None

8. Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project-

8.1 Discussion held regarding 2019 Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project implementation. Final 2019 project designs need to be completed and finalized through working cooperatively with landowners in the outlined channel footprint. Watershed Council, staff and design team continue to work with landowners regarding property boundaries, channel alignment and refinement of design features necessary for a successful project. A January 1 deadline that will allow for completion of necessary contractor-ready design plans, required bidding process, and full construction season is quickly approaching. Channel alignment finalization date is critical to moving the project forward towards construction in 2019. Currently no agreement from either Scalvini Ranch Trust or Mr. Tunzini to accept the Salt River along their shared property boundary. Without an agreement on the alignment of the Salt River channel, there can be no construction on the Salt River in 2019. Additional discussion held regarding grant funds currently held, contract closeout dates in early 2020 for 2 grants totaling \$1.5 million dollars for Salt River construction, and potential risks to current funding as well as funding opportunities should project delays continue. Board discussed current outreach efforts being made through the Watershed Council and community members to landowners in the project footprint.

8.2 Annual Monitoring reports are in the process of being completed. Reports with assist with management recommendations for the project. Staff continues to work with the Watershed Council, agencies, and other interested parties to refine the Adaptive Management Plan for the successful maintenance and monitoring of the Salt River Ecosystem Project. AMP meeting tentative scheduled for April.

9. HCRCO provided written report outlining current activities and project updates. Additional information provided by staff regarding upcoming financial system conversion, audit preparation, carbon farm planning agreements, and CIMIS weather monitoring station to be located in Humboldt County.

10. Future agenda items included update from NRCS regarding Federal regulations as related to Cannabis.

11. Next regular Board Meeting scheduled for January 10, 2019 at 8 a.m.

12. Meeting adjured at 9:38 a.m.