

Humboldt
County



RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

The mission of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District is to assist private and public landowners in the planning, design, and implementation of soil, water, and forest resource conservation practices to improve and enhance natural and working lands in Humboldt County

REGULAR MEETING: AGENDA

Thursday, July 13, 2023

8:00 A.M.

(Items marked with * are attached to director packets. Packets may be requested by contacting the HCRCD at 707-442-6058 x 5 or emailing jillhcrccd@gmail.com.)

LOCATION: HUMBOLDT AGRICULTURAL CENTER

5630 South Broadway

Eureka, CA 95503

OR

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Christine Manhart, Chair
2. **ROLL CALL**
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. **CONSENT CALENDAR - ACTION**
 - 5.1 Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of June 8, 2023*
6. **ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR - Action**
7. **NEW BUSINESS – Action**
 - 7.1 July 2023 Financial Report and Staff Recommendations to approve reserve for payroll and tax liabilities and approve and issue payments for operating expenses and contractor payments as outlined in financial report.*
 - 7.2 Resolution 23-09 approving the Project Specific Analysis and Addendum to California Vegetation Management Program Programmatic EIR for the Mattole Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Project.
8. **OLD BUSINESS – Action**
9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - 9.1 Presentation HCRCD’s Agricultural Enhancement Program Update:
 - 9.1.1 HCRCD’s Agricultural Enhancement Program Overview – *Jill Demers, Executive Director, HCRCD*
 - 9.1.2 North Coast Soil Health Hub – *Emilie Winfield, North Coast Soil Hub Director (Marin RCD)*
 - 9.1.3 Conservation Carbon Farm and Soil Health Management Plan Development and Implementation Opportunities – *Jacob Taulbee, Project Coordinator, HCRCD*
 - 9.2 District Correspondence
 - 9.3 RCD Project Updates and Staff Reports*
 - 9.3.1 Administrative update – FY 23/24 budget and staffing
 - 9.3.2 Project Updates
 - 9.4 District Director Updates and Announcements – Directors may provide updates on their activities related to the HCRCD such as other meetings attended and other relevant announcements.
 - 9.5 NRCS Update – *Todd Golder, NRCS District Conservationist*
10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
11. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 8 a.m.**
Meeting location: Humboldt Agricultural Center and Teleconference
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Board of Directors Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Humboldt County Agricultural Center, 5630 South Broadway, Eureka
and
Video and Teleconference
June 8, 2023

1. Call to Order: Chair Christine Manhart at 8:00am
2. Roll Call-
 - HCRCDD Board: Christine Manhart (Chair), Mark Moore (Secretary), Dan Cohoon, Jim Cotton, Reid Cody, and Zach Cahill (attended at 8:35am)
 - HCRCDD Directors Excused: Lane Russ (Vice Chair)
 - HCRCDD Staff: Jill Demers (Executive Director), Curtis Ihle, Anita Hipp, Doreen Hansen, Jake Taulbee, and Cessair McKinney.
 - Guests: Virtual – Brett Jones (JJCPA), Alex Blessing (TWC), Jeannie Fulton (Humboldt Co Farm Bureau), Landon Peppel (TWC), Nate Key (NRCS), Frazier Haney (TWC), Katie Rian (CDFW). In-Person: Jeremy Svehla (GHD), Andrea Hilton (GHD), Conor Shea (USFWS), Jack Rice, Todd Golder (NRCS)
3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda: None
4. Public Comment: None
5. Consent Calendar.
 - 5.1 Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of May 11, 2023*
 - 5.2 Resolution No. 23-08 approving USDA NRCS 2023 CA Conservation Contribution Agreement for the NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program for the Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project.Motion to approve the items on the consent calendar by Director Moore; Seconded by Director Cohoon. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Moore, Cohoon, and Cotton. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Directors Russ and Cahill. Passed unanimously.
6. Items Pulled From Consent Calendar: None
7. New Business
 - 7.1 FY 22/23 Audited Financial Statement – Brett Jones (JJCPA) reviewed the results of the audit process and items in audit. No findings were made. Motion to approve the 22/23 Audit by Director Moore; Seconded by Director Cohoon. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Moore, Cohoon, and Cotton. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Directors Russ and Cahill. Passed unanimously.
 - 7.2 June 2023 Financial Report – Motion to accept financial report and staff recommendation by Director Moore; Seconded by Director Cotton. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Moore, Cohoon, and Cotton. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Directors Russ and Cahill. Passed unanimously.
8. Old Business: None
9. Informational Items

9.1 Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) Public Hearing

- GHD provided a presentation of the Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project components and Draft EIR process and project description.
- Questions/Comments
 - Jack Rice – expressed support for project.
 - Frazier Haney (TWC) – Expressed gratitude to HCRC Board, staff, NRCS, and GHD; supports project.
 - Jeannie Fulton (Humboldt Co Farm Bureau) – expressed support for the project.
- Public Hearing Closed. HCRC Board Discussion (informal) begins).
 - Comment regarding sea level rise and land subsidence in Eel River estuary. Explanation provided by Jeremy Svhela (GHD) and Conor Shea (USFWS).
 - Questions regarding lessons learned from impacts of the Riverside Ranch berm. Explanation of lessons learned, and difference of projects provided by Jeremy Svhela (GHD) and Conor Shea (USFWS).

9.2 District correspondence received the past month: None

9.3 RCD Project Updates and Staff Reports – Staff report included in Board Packet. Discussion regarding new staff hires, Salt River updated 90% designs, Salt River SMA cleanout, FEMA funding SMA cleanout, Williams Creek 30% designs, Redway shaded fuel break, Bell Springs Road/Mail Ridge planning, Salmon Creek and Mattole implementation and environmental compliance, Marshall Ranch CEQA, Carbon Farm Plan/Soil Health presentation in July and multiple agricultural focused grants.

9.4 District Director Updates and Announcements: None

9.5 NRCS Update provided by Todd Golder, District Conservationist. The NRCS field office is onboarding temporary staff and looking forward to position sharing with HCRC through cooperative agreement. Program funding includes EQIP disaster funding (due June 16th) and FSA has an emergency conservation program.

10 Future Agenda Items

- Carbon Farm Plan / Soil Health presentation
- CalVTP Programmatic EIR Project Specific Analysis for Mattole Project
- Budget and Policy review with executive committee

11 Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 8am

12 Adjournment of Meeting: 9:28am