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Humboldt
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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, June 13, 2024

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 jill@hcrd.org.)

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 May 9, 2024*
 - 5.2 Resolution 24-08 to file an application with the State and to enter into an agreement to extend coverage to eligible employees of the Public Agency, as defined in Section 218(b)(5) of the Federal Social Security Act.*
 - 5.3 Resolution 24-09 approving the application for funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund for the Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project, and conditionally accepting grant, if offered.*
6. **ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR - Action**
7. **NEW BUSINESS – Action**
 - 7.1 Review and approve June 2024 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 Review, discussion, and potential action regarding contractor payment timelines and policies.*
8. **OLD BUSINESS – Action**
 - 8.1 Discussion and potential action to schedule a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of September 12, 2024 in City of Ferndale Council Chambers
 - 8.2 Review Long-Range Plan and select date and establish procedure for Executive Director annual review*
 - 8.3 Review and potential action to approve HCRCD Annual Budget and Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 24/25*
 - 8.4 Review and potential action to update Reserve Policy*
9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - 9.1 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.
 - 9.2 District Correspondence
 - 9.3 HCRCD Staff Reports* – Jill Demers, HCRCD Executive Director
 - 9.4 NRCS Update – Todd Golder, NRCS Eureka Field Office District Conservationist
10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 10.1 NRCS and Ag Center Building Update
11. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING: July 11, 2024**
Meeting location: Humboldt Agricultural Center
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Agenda Item #5.1 (CONSENT)
For Regular Board Meeting of: June 13, 2024

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jill Demers, Executive Director
SUBJECT: 5.1 Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of May 9, 2024*
AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of May 9, 2024.

SUMMARY

n/a

FISCAL IMPACT

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes for Regular Meeting of May 9, 2024

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1. Call to Order: Chair Christine Manhart
2. Roll Call
 - HCRC Board: Mark Moore (Secretary/Treasurer - 8:05am arrival), Dan Cohoon, Zach Cahill (8:07am arrival), Jim Cotton, Reid Cody
HCRC Directors Excused: Lane Russ (Vice Chair)
 - HCRC Staff: Jill Demers (Executive Director), Curtis Ihle (Assistant Executive Director), Jake Taulbee, Katrina Henderson, Anita Hipp, Cessair McKinney, Charlotte Favre, Katherine Rynearson
HCRC Staff Excused: Doreen Hansen, Alyssa Owen
 - Guests In-Person: Todd Golder (NRCS District Conservationist)
 - Virtual: David Alvey (MAZE Audit Partner CPA), Nancy Wahl-Scheurich (CARCD Executive Director), Maggie Phillipsborn & Diana Gamzon (Nevada County Cannabis Alliance), members of the public (2)
3. Additions or Changes to Agenda: None
4. Public Comment: None
5. Consent Calendar
 - 5.1. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of April 11, 2024
 - 5.2. Approve Minutes for the Special Board Meeting of April 26, 2024
 - 5.3. Approve Resolution 24-07 to include services performed by the employees in the California State Social Security Agreement of March 9, 1951Motion to accept the Consent Calendar (items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3) by Director Cotton, Seconded by Director Cohoon. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Moore, Cahill, and Cody. Noes: None. Absent: Director Russ. Passed Unanimously.
6. Items Pulled from the Consent Calendar: None
7. Informational Items
 - 7.1. Review of Audited Financial Statements, Memorandum on Internal Control and Required Communication of the year ended June 30, 2023 presented by David Alvey with MAZE & Associates.
 - 7.2. District Director Updates and Announcements – None
 - 7.3. District Correspondence from Humboldt LAFCo regarding the proposed LAFCo Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25, Notice of Preparation & Announcement of a Scoping Meeting regarding the Great Redwood Trail Program Environmental Impact Report. and Humboldt LAFCo regarding an Office Ballot – Independent Special District Election with a letter of intent from Heidi Benzonelli.
 - 7.4. Responsible Cannabis Efforts in Northern CA presented by Nancy Wahl-Scheurich CARCD Executive Director, Maggie Phillipsborn & Diana Gamzon with Nevada County Cannabis Alliance regarding the benefits of legal cannabis farming, Volunteer Certifications for Brand Value - Good Stewards of Land.
 - 7.5. HCRC Staff Reports presented by Executive Director Demers regarding the changes in the administrative accounting processes and staffing. The Local Working Group first meeting was a success and the anticipated work for the next meeting with producers and agricultural organizations. She also touched base on the new State Coastal Conservancy Block Grant,

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current proposals. Watershed Restoration Program updates included Riverside Ranch construction implementation landowners' meetings, Sediment Management Area 2023 payment status and delays, a potential Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project Pilot Season. Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Program updates included summary of regarding the 14 active Forest Management Plans.

- 7.6. NRCS Update presented by Todd Golder (NRCS District Conservationist)
 - 7.6.1. Staffing Updates for the Eureka Field Office
 - 7.6.2. New office space update with an expected tour sometime in July
 - 7.6.3. Updates on the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the National Water Quality Initiative. 30 applications approved for funding (30% obligated)
8. New Business:
 - 8.1. Discussion and potential action to approve Audited Financial Statements, Memorandum on Internal Control, and Required Communications for the year ended June 30, 2023*
Motion to approve the Audited Financial Statements, Memorandum on the Internal Control, and Required Communications by Director Moore, Seconded by Director Cahill. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Cohoon, Cotton, and Cody. Noes: None. Absent: Russ.
Passed Unanimously.
 - 8.2. Potential action to establish an Ad Hoc committee to scope partnerships and potential grant applications related to the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council.
Director Cody volunteered to be on the committee.
 - 8.3. Discussion and potential action to modify Salt River Committee Ad Hoc roster – current members include Christine Manhart, Lane Russ, and Dan Cohoon*
Director Cohoon stepped down and Director Cahill volunteered to fill his position.
Motion to approve Director Cody on Fire Safe Council Ad Hoc and for Direct Cahill to replace Director Cohoon on the Salt River Ad Hoc Committee (New Business 8.2 and 8.3) as a Slate Vote by Director Moore, Seconded by Director Cohoon. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Cahill, Cotton, and Cody. Noes: None.
Absent: Director Russ. Passed Unanimously.
 - 8.4 Potential action to select LAFCo Independent Special Regular Member for the term ending June 30, 2028
Motion to submit vote for Heidi Benzonell made by Director Moore, Seconded by Director Cohoon. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Cahill, Cotton, and Cody. Noes: None. Absent: Director Russ.
Passed Unanimously.
 - 8.5 Select date and establish procedure for Executive Director annual review
Tabled until June Board Meeting.
 - 8.6 Draft HCRCD FY24/25 budget presentation
Executive Director Demers presented a Draft HCRCD FY 24/25 Budget. The Budget will next be reviewed by Budget Ad Hoc Committee and brought back before the board at the June meeting.
 - 8.7 Review and approve May 2024 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.

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Executive Director Demers presented May 2024 Financial Report and Staff Recommendations.

Board discussed cash flow and utilizing CalTrust funds for cash flow.

Motion to accept the New Business (item 8.7) by Director Moore, Seconded by Director Cotton.

Ayes: Directors Manhart, Cohoon, Cahill, and Cody. Noes: None. Absent: Director's Russ.

Passed Unanimously.

9. Old Business – None

10. Future Agenda Items

10.1 Select Long Range Plan discussion questions in June to be used for Executive Director Demers annual review in July.

10.2 NRCS and Ag Center Building Updates

10.3 Discussion and Potential action to Schedule a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors in Ferndale

11. Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 8:00am

12. Adjournment of Meeting: 10:15am

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jill Demers, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5.2: Resolution 24-08 to file an application with the State and to enter into an agreement to extend coverage to eligible employees of the Public Agency, as defined in Section 218(b)(5) of the Federal Social Security Act.*
AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 24-08.

SUMMARY

The District is enrolling in the CalPERS 457 retirement plan. This is a voluntary plan.

The District is currently withholding Social Security. The IRS defines a 457 Plan as a FICA replacement plan (FICA replacement plan = retirement system) if the contribution rate equals or exceeds 7.5 % of the employee's compensation. If the contribution rate equals or exceeds 7.5%, the employer needs a Section 218 Agreement to be able to contribute to Social Security. Although the has not approved a contribution rate equal or exceeding 7.5%, CalPERS recommends that the District sign a Section 218 Agreement to avoid future compliance issues.

The next step is the adoption of the attached resolution and agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

- June 3, 2024 letter from State Social Security Administrator / CalPERS
- Resolution 24-08
- Certification of Resolution 24-08
- Application and Agreement to execute Section 218 coverage



Official State Social Security Administrator
California Public Employees' Retirement System

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June 3, 2024

CalPERS ID No.: 5000000630

Jill Demers
Executive Director
Humboldt County Resource Conservation District
5630 South Broadway
Eureka, CA 95503

Dear Jill Demers,

Thank you for submitting the Resolution to provide Social Security coverage for the employees of Humboldt County Resource Conservation District.

The next step is the adoption of the Resolution authorizing execution of the Application and Agreement for Social Security coverage for employees of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District. We are enclosing a partially completed Resolution, and Application and Agreement. The forms contain the terms of coverage indicated in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District. Jill Demers, as Authorized Agent, should sign all copies of the enclosed Application and Agreement. The original and one copy of the adopted certified Resolution and the original and one copy of the signed Application and Agreement should be returned to this office.

Upon receipt of the above, we will request the Federal Government to include the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District in the Social Security program.

These documents should not be modified in any way as only the content included in the documents provided by this office will be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please contact this office at (916) 795-0810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liza Lopez".

Liza Lopez
State Social Security Administrator Program
Enclosures

RESOLUTION NO. 24-08
(To Accompany Application and Agreement)

WHEREAS, the Public Agency desires to file an application with the State and to enter into an agreement with the State to extend coverage to eligible employees of the Public Agency, as defined in Section 218(b)(5) of the Federal Social Security Act, coverage under the said insurance system on behalf of the Public Agency; and

WHEREAS, official form "Application and Agreement" containing the terms and conditions under which the State will effect such inclusion has been examined by this body; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Application and Agreement on said official form be executed on behalf of the Public Agency and submitted to the State to provide coverage under the California State Social Security Agreement of March 9, 1951, of all services performed by individuals as employees of the Public Agency, except the following:

1. All services excluded from coverage under the agreement by Section 218 of the Social Security Act; and
2. Services excluded by option of the Applicant as indicated in Resolution No. 24-07 adopted at a meeting of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District on May 9, 2024: Elective Officials, Part-time positions (20 hours and less per week).

Effective date of coverage of services under said agreement to be October 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jill Demers, Executive Director, 5630 South Broadway Eureka, CA 95503, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Application and Agreement on behalf of and as Authorized Agent of the Public Agency and to forward same to the State for acceptance and further action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authority hereafter to act as Authorized Agent, and so to conduct all negotiations, conclude all arrangements, submit all reports, and sign all agreements and instruments which may be necessary to carry out the letter and intent of the aforesaid application and agreement, in conformity with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, is vested in the position of Executive Director.

Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

Presiding Officer

Title

Date

CERTIFICATION

I, Jill Demers, Executive Director of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. _____ adopted by the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District at the regular meeting held on the ____th day of _____, _____, as the same appears of record in my office.

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

For the purposes of this application and agreement, any reference made herein to any State or Federal statute or statutes, or regulations, or part thereof, applies to all amendments thereto now or hereafter made.

For the purposes of this application and agreement, "Federal System" means Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability and Health Insurance system established by the Federal Social Security Act, "Federal agency" means the Commissioner of Social Security, or successor in function to such officer, "Board" means the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System, acting on behalf of the State of California.

The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, a public agency as defined in Section 22009 of the Government Code* hereinafter called Applicant, hereby makes application to the Board to execute a modification to the California State Social Security Agreement extending thereunder the Federal System to all services performed by individuals as employees of the Applicant in a coverage group as defined in Section 218 (b)(5) of the Social Security Act* except the following:

1. Those services mandatorily excluded from said agreement by Section 218 of the Social Security Act. *
2. The following services excluded by option of the Applicant pursuant to Resolution No. 24-07, adopted on May 9, 2024:

Elective Officials, Part-time positions (20 hours and less per week)

*See Attachment

In order to carry into effect, the common governmental duties under such statutes and in consideration of the mutual promises hereinafter made, the Applicant and the Board agree as follows:

1. The Board will execute a modification to the California State Social Security Agreement to extend thereunder the Federal System to the services of employees of Applicant as hereinbefore applied for.
2. Applicant will comply promptly and completely, throughout the term of this application and agreement, with the letter and intent of all statutes of the State of California, and Section 218 of the Federal Social Security Act, and applicable Federal and State regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
3. Applicant shall pay to the Federal Government amounts equivalent to the sum of taxes (employer-employee contributions) imposed under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act if the services of employees covered by the application and agreement constituted employment as defined in such Act. Applicant shall keep or cause to be kept accurate records of all remuneration for such services, said records to be maintained as required by Federal or State regulations, and said records shall be available for inspection or audit by the Board or its designated representative.

Applicant will prepare and submit such wage reports as may be required

4. Applicant shall pay and reimburse the State at such times as may be determined by the State:
 - (a) Any sums of money that the State may be obligated to pay or forfeit to the Federal Government by reason of any failure of the Applicant, for any cause or reason, to pay the contributions, penalties, or interest required by the agreement between the Federal agency and the State at such time or in such amounts as required by the said agreement and any State or Federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
 - (b) In such amounts, as may be determined by the State, its proportionate share of any and all costs incurred by the State in the administration of the Federal System as it affects the Applicant and its employees.
 - (c) In such amounts, as may be determined by the State, the cost of any and all work and services relating to the election for the purposes of coverage under the Federal System held with respect to the coverage group for which coverage under the Federal System is requested herein.
 - (d) In such amounts, as may be determined by the State, the costs of any audits of the books and records of the Applicant made by the State or its designated representatives pursuant to Section 22559 of the Government Code.
5. The coverage herein provided for shall be effective October 1, 2023.
6. That, subject to the aforesaid provisions and applicable law, this application and agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the parties in writing.

7. After the filing of this application and agreement, its acceptance and execution by the State shall constitute it a binding agreement between the Applicant and the State of California with respect to the matters herein set forth.

Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

Signed by:

(Authorized Agent)

And by:

(Witness)

(Title)

(Date)

ACCEPTED: _____

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BY _____

Liza Lopez
State Social Security Administrator
State Social Security Administrator Program

ATTACHMENT

Section 22009, Government Code:

"Public Agency" means the State, any city, county, city and county, district, municipal or public corporation or any instrumentality thereof, or boards and committees established under Chapter 10 of Division 6 of the Agricultural Code, Chapter 754 of Statutes of 1933, as amended, or Chapter 307 of the Statutes of 1935.

The following services are mandatorily excluded:

- (a) service performed in a policeman's or fireman's position, covered by a retirement system at the time coverage is extended to the Public Agency;
- (b) service performed by an individual who is employed to relieve him from unemployment;
- (c) service performed in a hospital, home, or other institution by a patient or inmate thereof;
- (d) covered transportation service (as defined in Section 210(k) of the Social Security Act, as amended);
- (e) service (other than agricultural labor or service performed by a student) which is excluded from employment by any provision of Section 210(a) of the Social Security Act, other than paragraph 7 of such section, or service the remuneration for which is excluded from wages by paragraph (2) of Section 209(h);
- (f) service performed by an individual as an employee on a temporary basis in case of fire, storm, snow, earthquake, or similar emergency;
- (g) services performed by election officials or election workers for each calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than the threshold amount mandated by law.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jill Demers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5.3: Resolution 24-09 approving the application for funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund for the Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project, and conditionally accepting grant, if offered.*

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 24-09.

SUMMARY

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) seeks proposals to the 2024 National Coastal Resilience Fund to provide support for planning, design, and implementation of natural and nature-based solutions to enhance protection for coastal communities from the impacts of storms, floods, and other natural coastal hazards and to improve habitats for fish and wildlife. The District, in collaboration with USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Wetland Reserve Easement Program and private landowners intends to enhance existing tidal wetlands and restore marginal diked pastureland to a mosaic of natural habitats as part of the Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project. This Project spans 1,480 acres in Lower Eel River and promotes the resilience of tidal wetland, riverine, and agricultural lands.

Current implementation funding for the Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project, through NRCS and the Wildlife Conservation Board, totals almost \$17 million. The design team is preparing a new Opinion of Probable Construction Cost; we are anticipating that construction costs may range from \$23 - \$28 million dollars with this new estimate. This request from NFWF will help bridge this potential funding gap.

FISCAL IMPACT

None to general fund. Award would grant would result in \$7 - \$10 million for project implementation funds.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 24-09



Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-09

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION NATIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCE FUND FOR THE RUSS CREEK AND CENTERVILLE SLOUGH RESTORATION PROJECT, AND CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTING GRANT, IF OFFERED.

WHEREAS, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) seeks proposals to the 2024 National Coastal Resilience Fund to provide support for planning, design, and implementation of natural and nature-based solutions to enhance protection for coastal communities from the impacts of storms, floods, and other natural coastal hazards and to improve habitats for fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (District) is a Special District established under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code to deliver and facilitate natural resources conservation in coordination with landowners of Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, the District, in collaboration with USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Wetland Reserve Easement Program and private landowners intends to enhance existing tidal wetlands and restore marginal diked pastureland to a mosaic of natural habitats, promoting resilience of the restored and agricultural lands, on 1,480 acres in Lower Eel River, as part of the Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for funding from NFWF; and
2. Certifies that the District will comply with all federal, state and local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the project and will obtain or will ensure that the other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the project; and
3. Further commits to the terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement; and
4. Appoints the Executive Director or designee as a representative(s) of Humboldt County Resource Conservation District to conduct negotiations, execute, submit and sign all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and other documents which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District at its regular meeting held on the 13th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____

Abstain: _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 24-09 was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District.

Mark Moore, Secretary
Board of Directors