



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: CANCELLED

The Regular Meeting of October 8th at 8am at the Humboldt Agricultural Center has been cancelled due to building renovations. A Special Meeting will be held in its place at the USDA Eureka Service Center, details below.

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2026

8:00 A.M.

(Items marked with * are attached to director packets. Packets may be requested by contacting the HCRCD at 707-296-3992 or emailing jill@hcrd.org.)

LOCATION: USDA EUREKA SERVICE CENTER

322 W 15th Street, Eureka, CA 95501

OR

TELECONFERENCE via ZOOM & TELEPHONE

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HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Before the Meeting: Please email your comments to jill@hcrd.org before 8am on the day of the meeting, write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the agenda item number and title, as well as your comments. If you would like your comment to be read aloud at the meeting (not to exceed three minutes at staff's cadence), prominently write "Read Aloud at Meeting" at the top of the email.

Contemporaneous Comments: During the meeting, the Board Chair or designee will announce the opportunity to make public comments and identify the cut off time for each attendee. Attendees may also "raise" their hand in Zoom or via telephone by pressing *9 to make comments. The Q&A feature within Zoom will also be monitored for comments submitted during the meeting.

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 September 10, 2026*
6. **ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION**
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - 7.1 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.
 - 7.2 District Correspondence
 - 7.3 NRCS Report
 - 7.4 HCRCD Staff Reports*
8. **NEW BUSINESS – ACTION**
 - 8.1 Approve the application for funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FIRMA) under the National Fish Passage Program for the Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project, and conditionally accepting grant, if offered.*
 - 8.2 Review and potential action to approve Resolution 26-11 to certify that the [Lower Trinity River Vegetation Treatment Program Project Specific Analysis \(PSA\) and Addendum to California Vegetation Management Program \(CalVTP\) Program EIR](#) complies with CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines and adopt the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Project.*
 - 8.3 Review and potential action approve October 2026 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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8.4 Review Board Roster, Reappointment of Directors, & Recommendation on Vacancies*

Board members are appointed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to serve a four-year term. The term of three (3) current HCRCD Board members will expire on the last Friday of November of this year. Additionally, HCRCD currently has one Director vacancy for a term ending November 2028 and has received one application for the vacancy. Board may take action to notify the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in support of re-appointment of the Directors and/or support appointment of another applicant.

9. OLD BUSINESS – ACTION

9.1 Discuss 2026 Long-Range Plan update and potential action to establish Special Meeting date.*

9.2 Receive staff report on the status of the Russ Creek & Centerville Slough Restoration Project and potential action to authorize contract modifications.*

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The Regular Meeting of November 12, 2026 at 8am at the Humboldt Agricultural Center will be cancelled due to ongoing renovations. A Special Meeting will be held in its place at the same date and time but located at the USDA Eureka Service Center.

A Special Meeting is also scheduled for October 28, 2026 at 2pm at the USDA Eureka Service Center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda Item #5.1 (ACTION)
For Special Board Meeting of: October 8, 2026

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 September 10, 2026*
AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of September 10, 2026

SUMMARY

n/a

FISCAL IMPACT

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes for Regular Meeting of September 10, 2026

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1. Call to Order: Christine Manhart, Chair at 8:00am
 2. Roll Call
 - HCRC Board of Directors: Christine Manhart (Chair), Lane Russ (Vice Chair), Reid Cody (Interim Secretary/Treasurer), Dan Cohoon, Jim Cotton
 - HCRC Board of Directors Excused: Zack Cahill
 - HCRC Staff: Jill Demers (Executive Director), Curtis Ihle (Assistant Executive Director), Anita Hipp, Jake Taulbee, Alex Cunha, Megan Kownurko
 - HCRC Staff Virtual: Doreen Hansen, Olivia Lopes
 - HCRC Staff Excused: Katrina Cole, Travis Massey, Giorgio Zampaglione, Zoe Ziegler, Matt Settelmayer, Paige Quinn
 3. Additions or Changes to Agenda – None
 4. Public Comment Period – None
 5. Consent Calendar
 - 5.1. Approve Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of August 13, 2026
 - 5.2. Approve entering professional services agreement with Mattole Restoration Council for the Post Fire-Six Rivers 2022 Restoration Project Phase 3 for \$201,400.00 and authorize Executive Director to execute agreement and any subsequent amendments.
 - 5.3. Approve entering into professional services agreement with Sintered Solutions for the Jacoby Creek Restoration Planning Project, Alternatives Analysis to 30% Design Plans for \$847,722 and authorize the Executive Director to execute agreement and any subsequent amendments.
- Chair Manhart requested item 5.3 be removed from the Consent Calendar and discussed during item #6 below. Motion to accept the remaining Consent Calendar (items 5.1, 5.2) by Director Cotton, Seconded by Director Cohoon. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Russ, Cody. Noes: None. Passed Unanimously.
6. Items Pulled from the Consent Calendar
 - 6.1. Approve entering into professional services agreement with Sintered Solutions for the Jacoby Creek Restoration Planning Project, Alternatives Analysis to 30% Design Plans for \$847,722 and authorize the Executive Director to execute agreement and any subsequent amendments.

Director Cody recused during discussion and vote.

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Executive Director Demers reviewed Sintered Solutions' proposal and qualifications. Travis James of Sintered Solutions provided a summary of his work with the HCRCD on the Salt River and his 20+ years of work experience. Motion to approve entering into professional services agreement with Sintered Solutions and any subsequent amendments by Director Cotton, Seconded by Director Russ. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Cohoon. Noes: None. Passed Unanimously.

7. Informational Items

7.1. District Director Updates and Announcements – None

7.2. District Correspondence – None

7.3. NRCS Report – No update due to Reorganization

7.4. HCRCD Staff Reports

8. New Business

8.1. Receive staff report on the status of the Wadulh Lagoon Tidal Wetland

Enhancement Project and potential action to authorize contract modifications.

Program Manager Hansen gave an update on the status of Wadulh Lagoon Tidal Wetland Enhancement Project. No Action.

8.2. Approve September 2026 Financial Report and Staff Recommendations, to approve reserve for payroll and tax liabilities and approve payments for operating expenses and contractor payments as outlined in the financial report.

Motion to approve the September 2026 Financial Report and Staff

Recommendations by Director Cody, Seconded by Director Cotton. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Russ, Cohoon. Noes: None. Passed Unanimously.

9. Old Business

9.1. Discuss 2026 Long-Range Plan update and potential action to establish Special Meeting date.

Executive Director to schedule Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 28th at 2pm to 4pm at the NRCS Office.

9.2. Receive staff report on the status of Russ Creek & Centerville Slough Restoration Project and potential action to authorize contract modifications.

Director Russ noted his Conflict of Interest and did not recuse himself due to no action being taken. Staff provided project update.

10. Future Agenda Items – None

11. Next Regular Meeting:

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12. Adjournment at 10:00am.