



## Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes for Meeting of July 13, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Giuffre.
2. **Roll Call:** Present – Directors Brad Darling, Ed Duggan, Jeannine Giuffre, Cheryl Casdorff and Associate Director Carol Rush. Also in attendance was David Villarino from FIELD  
Public Present: None
3. **Minutes from prior meeting.** Brad made motion to approve, Ed second. All ayes.
4. **Financial Report:** Ed had report from Balancing Act January through March 2016 dated June 28, 2016. \$35,119.40 in checking; \$32,536.11 in KERN Fund. Invoice from Balancing Act for \$225.00. Ed will pay. July 5, 2016 bill for \$116.00 from City of Tehachapi for Water, sewer, refuge. Ed will double check if that amount is correct and get back to Board next meeting. Insurance payment of \$1666.20 to be paid to Special District Risk Management Authority. Cheryl made motion to pay, Brad second, all ayes. The RCD cards for Jeannine and Cheryl were \$100 and were paid with check #1217 July 13, 2016). End of report.
5. **Public Comment:** none
6. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:** Carol Rush gave comments on available money for all land owners who are not producers with Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). Jeannine reported that Paul at NRCS said that is true for forested land. May be able to use this for future planting and watershed improvements in area. This could become a RCD project with funds. There is an application process. Jeannine needs names of residents and communities interested in this and give to Paul at NRCS.

7. **FIELD:** David indicated that FIELD has outgrown their offices. They have equipment and school and offices. Would RCD be open to leasing some of their site for equipment? Ed said this may have some issues as Kern County owns the building but he will talk to Supervisor Scrivner. Jeannine will show David the building in coming month. Have to consider other tenant, Ag and Weights and Measures in this issue. Be aware our building is not ADA compliant.
8. **OLD BUSINESS:** Kern Weed Management area and other plant issues. Jeannine has Weed Management meeting at Golden Hills CSD on July 72, 2016 at 9:00 am. Carol Rush gave update on Native Plant Sale; Desert Mountain RC&D needs a final report on sale. Antelope Valley RCD received their plant sale report. Carol said she tried to do a report for Desert Mountain (for Donna). Donna said \$211.92 was in petty cash that she gave us to start sale. \$24 remains after refunds to buyers that did not get plants ordered. We owe Donna \$24. Donna accepts this number. Ed to write a check for \$566 + \$24 for all profit. Assoc. Director Rush asked Desert Mountain RC&D be paid that amount. Ed will deposit all money from sale and send that amount to them. Carol then asked that we do not handle any “extra” plants from El Nativo next year. We must let DMRC&D handle all the plants from El Nativo, the pre-orders plus any extra plants. Carol stated that it would be less complicated to just buy extra plants from the Antelope Valley Nursery, only.
  - A. . We must let Desert Mountain handle all the plants from El Nativo , the pre-orders plus any extra plants. Carol states that it would be less complicated to just buy extra plants from the Antelope Valley Nursery only. Invoice from Antelope Valley RCD needs to go to Desert Mountain as Carol returned 25 plants and this should be reflected on invoice. Carol was concerned with pre-orders. Jeannine thought still good idea. We will discuss more. Jeannine though maybe we could grow seedlings at our building in back. Maybe future project. We need to work with Donna (Desert Mountain) for next year to understand how the sale all works. Brad said maybe we should get a resale permit with State of California. Them maybe work with Native Plant Society and Las Politas nursery. Except they don’t deliver to Tehachapi. Maybe we

could rent a truck and pick up ourselves? We will continue to discuss 2017 sale at future meetings.

- B. FIELD Resolution:** Brad said trailer, gator, quad have been transferred to FIELD. However, truck and randal sprayer are still there. Jeannine indicated someone may want to buy them. Brad asked David at FIELD and he said go ahead to sell to other person.
  - C. Fire Safe Council:** Jeannine said Paul at NRCS will work with residents about helping with fire safety. August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Bear Valley Springs a tree and fire related issues meeting. UC Extension will be there to discuss pests and tree issues.
  - D. Directors:** None
  - E. Golden Hills:** Jeanine has been attending land meeting. A GHCS D board member is working on a specific/vegetation management plan. Jeannine has asked Glen Harris from Kern Weed Management to consider advising on it. They will be discussing it further in coming weeks
9. **New Business:** Fund Investment. Ed will talk to Bank of Sierra and will come in next meeting with numbers for the Board and a recommendation.
10. **Director Comments:** For next agenda: Jeannine asked that the booklet, Ranch, Fire and Utility Roads be purchased for public. Carol asked that Living among oaks pamphlet be considered too. UC Extension might have available at Bear Valley Meeting. Carol also asked that an annual and 5 year plan be discussed at next meeting. Brad explained to Board members regarding agenda, Jeannine directs Cheryl to prepare, send to Board members for review, Publish agenda on door of building and on internet with Chris Nelson. Jeannine will be liason with Chris. Brad discussed Grand Jury recommendations: We need a business plan. To discuss at next meeting. Also we should publish minutes. Chris will have to put on our webpage. State Law requires a Conflict of Interest Code and every 2 years we need to file. Brad did it this year and filed with Kern County Clerk of the Board. Form from Brad given to Jeanine to file with Clerk of the Board. A version of the Code is in RCD office. Also high Speed Rail meeting August 20 in Tehachapi. Brad said he enjoyed working with the RCD but it is time to move on.

He is proud of accomplishments with the Board.

11. **Adjourn.** Cheryl made motion to adjourn. Brad second. All ayes. Adjourned  
8:33 pm.

**Next meeting is August 3, 2016, at 6:00 pm at FIELD offices on Mill Street,  
Tehachapi.**