



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes for Meeting of DECEMBER 14, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Giuffre.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: President Jeannine Giuffre, Treasurer Ed Duggan, Secretary Cheryl Casdorff, Associate Director Carol Rush. Also in attendance: Phil Dixon, NRCS District Conservationist, Madelaine Voldahl, NRCS Soil Conservationist. Public Present: Steve Shaw
3. **Board Minutes** Not available
4. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Ed Duggan stated good progress has been made with audit. He requested he defer full report until January meeting.
5. **Public Comment.** Steve Shaw spoke regarding his attendance at State CARCD yearly meeting and how he learned a lot of information from other RCDs throughout the state;
6. **NRCS Report:** Phil Dixon introduced himself as new district conservationist in Lancaster. There are many projects on his desk. Ag contracts like EQIP in Kern County. Not as many as he would like and he would look into that. He is working on CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) with farmers as a 5 year program. It has been working well and he hopes it can continue to promote conservation. EQIP for tree removal may have difficulties as small acreage is low priority. Maybe residents can ban together but there is difficulty on how to calculate paying tax bill.
7. **FIELD** No representative in attendance.
8. **Old Business**
 - A. Golden Hills Representative not in attendance
 - B. FIELD: They have been certified to be a state conservation corp. Allows them to do more work with groups. Jeannine has told them rigs in RCD building need to be moved by plant sale.
 - C. Kern Weed Management: Nothing to report
 - D. Fire Safe Council: No new items
 - E. New Board Members: President Giuffre spoke with Board of Supervisor representative that the RCD is working on getting Tier 1 and office in order and then work on recruiting new board members.



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- F. RCD business Plan: Tier 1 is going forward. Have a telephone with answering machine. Email, website. Phone goes to email if not picked up by 4th ring.
- G. Fire Dept Grant: Lots are too small for grants per NRCS and have low priority. Kern County Fire Dept will try to work with NRCS on behalf of the Bear Valley residents with focus on public safety.
- 9. NEW BUSINESS:** No date yet for Plant Sale. Desert RC&D to be lead and Ms. Rush to coordinate. Ms. Rush asked for motion to be in charge of extra plants from Antelope Valley RCD. Duggan made motion and adds that an Ad Hoc Plan committee be created and have meeting in early January. Casdorph amended to include trip to Antelope Valley RCD nursery and then have a meeting and seconded All ayes.
- Lights:** President Giuffre is talking with the Ag Commissioner, our neighbor in building, about remodeling and use. We may need an electrician to fix lights.
- 70th Year Anniversary:** CARCD has videos available and looking at websites we may want to do a slide show with historic photos for our website.
- 10. Board Comments:** President Giuffre and Associate Rush have attended the ethics/sexual harassment training at Golden Hills CSD. Satisfies the state requirement.
- 11. Adjourn.** Casdorph asked for adjournment. Duggan seconded. All ayes. Adjourned 9:35 p.m.