



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes for Meeting Sept 6, 2017

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Giuffre.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present: President Jeannine Giuffre, Treasurer Ed Duggan, Secretary Cheryl Casdorff. . Associate Director Julie Barraclough.
- 3. Change to agenda:** President Giuffre asked delete #8, #11(a) and (d). Director Casdorff made motion to approve this change. Director Duggan second. All ayes.
- 4. Board Minutes:** No minutes were available
- 5. Financial Report** – Director Duggan is working with Elvia and getting items together for the audit. Director Duggan asked that the approval of the audit contract be added to the next agenda. He is also talking to Bank of the Sierra about second account and a credit card. Our book keeping Balancing Act is moving. President Giuffre asked Director Duggan to respond to SDRMA - Special Districts about how we are audited and letter has to come from our auditor. SDRMA gave us money bank and then sent us a bill for our insurance. Kern County Special Districts wants \$25 for our membership. We can ask for lower fee because of our internet and phone costs.
- 6. Public Comment.** Michelle and Jason Berryman. Jason went to range camp per TRCD grant in June 2017. Jason talked about the camp and all he learned. Jenny Tunks talked about reforestation grant. She would like to help TRCD with starting up reforestation. May have to coordinate with NRCS. Cecil Ogden from San Bernardino is forester and logger. He can help with CFIP application form. He is willing to meet with residents. Arbor Day Foundation provides seedlings. Cal Fire has the seedlings for this area. Marilyn White discussed spraying the tamarisks at Tom Sawyer lake in Golden Hills. Water is still in lake, mostly because of removal of the tamarisks. 98% are gone. President Giuffre talked about a neighbor to the RCD having seedling cedars available to just dig up and pot. This could be a good 4-H project.
- 7. NRCS Report:** Phil Dixon said deadline for poster contest is Dec.1. a Student does not have to have a teacher sponsor. President Giuffre talked to Tehachapi Superintendent who said that after school program could be this contest. NRCS will come and talk to after school class with ruby raindrop. There are 60-80 students in that program. For Envirothon, President Giuffre asked NRCS to do a writeup to hand out. Mr Dixon said that they have the postcard/flyer just made up. Sept 14th NRCS is making a public school presentation. Valley Oaks is interested

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in participating. Marilyn White will pass along info. Poster deadline is Oct. 4, 2017. NRCS will try to visit all schools by Sept 14th. NRCS asked TRCD to provide the contest money. Director Duggan made a motion for \$540 to pay first through third place for K through 5th grade. (First -\$40, 2nd -\$30 and third \$20.) NRCS said that they are discussing having a presence in Tehachapi.

8. IT: none

9. NRCS training. Special District for county has sexual harassment training. Call them for password. Share with Director Duggan. Ethics NRCS said was on Dept of Agriculture website? Director Casdorff is taking test on California State attorney general website. Director Duggan is working on getting a new computer and software for office. Director Casdorff made a motion for up to \$2000 for computer. Director Giuffre second. All ayes.

10. CSG. Table until next meeting

11. (b) Building Table until next meeting (c) See public comments (e) Director Casdorff to resend draft letter to Director Duggan. and (f) defer until next meeting.

12. Associate Director Barroclough was approved by Robotics Club at Jacobson Middle School to help them with water issues. She wants to go as representative of the TRCD. She can also help NRCS with presentations to schools before Sept 14. President Giuffre will tell Mr. Dixon of NRCS that she can help and pass on phone numbers.

: **Adjourn.** Casdorff motion for adjournment. Duggan seconded. All ayes.
Adjourned 7:43 p.m. Next meeting October 4, 2017

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