



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes for Meeting of January 11, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by President Giuffre.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: President Jeannine Giuffre, Treasurer Ed Duggan, Secretary Cheryl Casdorff, Also in attendance: Phil Dixon, NRCS District Conservationist, Madelaine Voldahl, NRCS Soil Conservationist. Public Present: Marilyn White, Golden Hills, and Ginny Tunks, Bear Valley. Not present: Associate Director Carol Rush
3. **Board Minutes** November, December 2016 Motion to approve with changes of all names to formal names by Duggan and include that Rush asked that AB 1234 certification received by Giuffre and Rush. Second by Casdorff. All Ayes
4. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Ed Duggan requested he defer full report until next meeting. Audit is into auditor. It is for fiscal year July 1 2015 to June 30, 2016. Duggan said we need to do a Business Plan and working on future projects.
5. **Public Comment.** Ms Tunks said we need appropriate nursery to help with appropriate trees for bear valley community after they take out dead trees. Calfire may give us notice that they have extra trees at end of season and we can make them available to residents. Ms Voldahl, NRCS said she had soil kits available for free to help determine appropriate trees. We can try to do an outreach program during stewardship week end of april. Bakersfield College has forestry Section. Maybe work with them? Maybe help plant trees. Ms White's school also has a garden.
6. **NRCS Report:** Phil Dixon talked about EQIP for bear valley residents. He has no sign ups for CSP (conservation stewardship program). Eligible through farm bill. He wants to work on that locally. Also NRCS has a competition, Envronthon. 5 topics are presented, and a hands ons test and a written test. Get local schools interested and get a team? Ms White was interested in that topic. Competition in April. Grades 9-12 could have a team.
7. **FIELD** No representative in attendance. President Giuffre discussed rigs with FIELD. They need to get rigs out soon. They also should do a spray program and we will help promote this program.
8. **Old Business**

- A. Golden Hills Representative. Golden Hills Board approved engineers doing engineered maps of nature park. Use these for vegetation management plan. At next board meeting. Ms White will turn in a rough draft budget Need

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money for surveying. Rain events are changing Brite Creek through project. CA fish and wildlife will be visiting property Look at drainage and how trails and maintenance will be affected. Using Kern County Ordinances to help Sheriff patrol area. She needs help with this area. NRCS could be a partner. What can they do to help with a weed/start thistle program? Need to draft a week management plan. Glenn Harris could be used to create this document. Pres. Giuffre has a few other people that may be able to help with overall park area. Maps will be available to help Glenn after engineers create them. He also wants a scope of entire project. President Giuffre will contact Glenn with an update on park project. Bob LeRude, Kern County Parks, said you may qualify for OHV grant money to put up barriers to keep OHVs off property. Grants should be pursued. High speed rail may go close to this area of park and Gldlen Hills should go to meetings. Feb. 1, 2017 is open house for high speed rail.

- B. Audit: See treasurers report
- C. Kern Weed Management: Nothing to report
- D. Fire Safe Council: No new items. Status quo. Pres. Giuffre has a tree mortality meeting this month and will report back.
- E. Tier 1: We need a business Plan. CA RCD website has a template. We have old reports to in files. We need to put together a committee, with Giuffre and Casdorph.
- F. See (d)
- G. President Giuffre will talk to the Ag Commissioner.
- H. 70th Year Anniversary. We need to put this on Website. Agenda needs to be more prominent. And notice of meetings in newspapers. Work on need logo for next meeting.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
10. **Board Comments:** None
11. **Adjourn.** Casdorph asked for adjournment. Duggan seconded. All ayes.

Adjourned 10:20 p.m.

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