



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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Minutes

April 4, 2018 TRCD Board meeting

1. Meeting began at 6:15pm

2. Roll Call. In attendance: President Jeannine Giuffre, Director Duggan, Director Barraclough, NRCS Phil Dixon; absent: Director Casdorff

3. Board minutes: Director Duggan made a motion to approve draft special meeting 16 March 2018 minutes. Director Giuffre second. 2 ayes, Barraclough abstain.

4. Finance report: No significant changes, no report this month, no new bank account yet

5. Public comment:

Steve Shaw requests to start dialogue on education and assistance for fishermen/land owners about riparian corridors and any problems/mitigation. Wants this as a future agenda item; also knows a person interested in becoming a board member. Steve Shaw asked about seeing audit and/or financial statements for the TRCD.

6. NRCS report:

EQIP 2nd batch of applications due this week; local landowner upset about high cost share and timeframe of one year to get processed. Only 10 – 15% cost share. Another state program a local logger has access to **CFIP**. Phil does not want us to tell more people about cost share this year as they are overrun with applicants that don't qualify for help. Will up cost share to around 50% next year.

Envirothon this Saturday at Windwolves. Three board members are acting as judges. Go to website and see scenario. We are judging oral presentation. Can camp out overnight. Expected to rain.

Need Ruby Raindrop for Plant Sale. We can order 50 coloring books about soil.

7. Webmaster: Chris spoke to Ed. Chris is still working on online store and possibly complete by early next week. Ed called Chris during meeting about Julia having access to making posts on Facebook as a moderator – tonight Chris will give Julia access so that she can post pictures of plants to continue advertising sale.

8. Old business:

A) Plant sale: Much better advertising than last year: Tehachapi News, Loop, Library, all CSDs, TCCWD, and in our newly decorated mailbox. Sent emails to all those who ordered in the past and gave email. Jeannine answering calls and emails. Stallion Springs said we can sell left over plants at their Roundup on April 28. Jeannine will keep plants for people cannot pick up that day.

Next plant committee meeting on Friday, April 20th to help unload and organize plants. Jeannine will get time window on the Thursday before.

Fishing Derby also Earth Day weekend? Steve Shaw recommends advertising there.

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B) Fire Safe Council: meeting on the 18th at headquarters to discuss reorganization. It may change to Tree Mortality Taskforce.

C) County Building: Building on the consent agenda as surplus property for April 17th, then on May 8th they will vote on accepting our offer.

D) Director Vacancy: Julia was appointed by the Board of Supervisors on March 13.

E) Five/One Year Plans: Shelve until next meeting

F) Glenn Harris weed management plan: Shelve starting ad hoc committee until next meeting

9. New business:

A) SDRMA : Compensation resolution draft approval. Barraclough motioned, Duggan seconded. All ayes.

B) Star thistle training: Postpone as Cheryl is not present. Jeannine did talk to BVS board member.

C) Seedlings and reforestation: One Tree Planted foundation email contact. Jeannine talked with them about community need. Program to cover the whole Tehachapi area. Jeannine located 10,000 seedlings and arranged for transportation; sent emails out to local residents she is aware of in burned areas. Usual protocol is to cost share and reimburse partners, includes kern county fire who provided handout on planting. Ed brought up need to track volunteer hours. Trees need to be stored at 35F or else they wake up. Now they are stored in Northern California and will be shipped here in refrigerated truck hopefully the day before the plant sale, maybe Thursday. Giving trees away on day of sale. 75% Ponderosa Pines, 10% Doug firs, 15% Incense Cedars. Jeannine does not want to advertise to public for fear of being overrun.

10. Board Member Comments

a. Jeannine – NACD stewardship week April 29 – May 5, sermon contest each year, Tehachapi preachers used to preach on this during that week. Theme: Watersheds, Our Water, Our Home

b. CARCD Forestry Committee nominations due by May 16 – Jeannine will apply – Duggan made motion to support Guiffre in applying, Barraclough second

c. Soil health webinar – tomorrow at 11am – Jeannine will attend

d. Jeannine also contacted people about having wildflower seeds, pumpkin seeds and milkweed seeds for sale

e. Phil brought up Regional meeting on April 20 – we won't be attending due to conflict with plants arriving that day for the sale.

f. We are next in line to host the meeting in the fall. Can have meeting here, must provide food.

g. USFWS has native seeds that we can buy and give away.

h. Julia wants us to start keeping logs of volunteer hours. Jeannine will look for old form in the office tomorrow.

11. Director Duggan made motion to adjourn. Director Barraclough second. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm