

Nevada County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors - Regular Meeting 113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945 Tuesday May 14, 2023, at 4:00 pm

- 1. <u>Call to order and Roll Call:</u> at 4:00 by Jim Drew, President. Directors present: Jim Drew, Alana Fowler, Linda Miller, and Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman. Associate Director present: Robert Ingram. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik.
- 2. **Introductions**; No Introductions
- 5. Public Comment { Speakers are limited to 3 minutes }:
- 3. Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda: Linda Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Alana Fowler. Approved 4-0.

# **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- A. Minutes from the April 2024, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for April 2024.

Linda Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by JoAnn Fites Kaufman Approved 4-0.

- 6. **Correspondence:** No Correspondence
- 7. NRCS Director Report: Valerie Bullard introduced as new NRCS District Conservationist. Valerie talked about her background as a Soil Scientist and Agronomist, highlighting her career working in the Pinnacles National Monument, top largest grape growers in the county, working in biological research trials, as well as working in the NRCS Plant Materials Center in Lockford, CA. Valerie talked about the current funding cycle in NRCS and listed a summary of NCRC programs. Valerie also announced an upcoming range seeding field trip.
- 8. **NCRCD Board Report:** JoAnn FitesKaufman reported on her live fire presentation for the Ag Tour at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Alana Fowler talked about the Ag Tour in both Placer and Nevada County, as well as Hidden Falls, Land Trust in Lincoln and the Ranch School in Lincoln. Linda Miller talked about irrigation and sheep ranching. Robert Ingram talked about his many members ships in the area, including the new Forestry Discover Museum. Jim Drew talked about the Scholarship Award event as well as an upcoming NU Banquet.
- 9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne talked a bit about Working Lands III and progress to date. Briana talked about staffing chances and the on-boarding of Nate Alcorn. She also reported on the winding up of the Hyatt project, a possible collaboration with Sierra Harvest with the Farm Trail Map, and a report from a recent meeting with Kevin Keily's office about pond

projects. This new program would involve partnership with NID, Farm Bureau and the Ag Commissioner. Briana outlined potential grant-funded micro-pond projects involving deepening ponds along the NID connection and outlined projects to show community benefits. Details to be worked out in the upcoming weeks. Briana also talked about current grant projects:

# Cal-Fire-CEOA grant \$299,936

Next steps:

- Spring for pipe installation
- Invoicing this month

### HSP Block Grant-Awarded for 3 million to Placer County

NCRCD will get \$9,360 for admin support Feb/Mar

Initial seminar completed

#### CDWG Prescribed Fire Grant \$392542

Award letter received, invoicing stared.

Correcting SAM/deliverables ready

# Point Blue Wildlife \$100,000

- CEQA completed
- Initial invoice for CEQA sent to Point blue for payment

# o <u>SALC Grant</u> \$500,000

- Award letter accepted.
- Grant agreement in process expected start 3/14/24
- SALC meeting 1/25 NCRCD office

## o <u>Livestock Fire Mitigation Management Grant through Nevada County-</u> Spring 2024

- 10.000 in admin
- \$75,000 project implementation, \$15,000 outreach and marketing

### AND SO MUCH MORE IN THE WORKS!

Details on file

A full listing of current and future projects as well as status of on-going projects included in board package. Briana also reported on County discussions about a program (Wildlife Conservation Board) to promote using Livestock for fuel mitigation, details about maintenance being investigated.

### 10. New Business:

A. Review and possibly approve financial budget for 2024/2025 **JoAnn FitesKaufman** moved to approve the financial budget for 2024/2025 Second by Alana Fowler. Approved 4-0

B. Review and possibly approve Robert W. Johnson selection and bid for 2023/2024 annual audit. Alana Fowler moved to approve Robert W. Johnson selection and bid for 2023/2024 annual audit. Second by John Fites Kaufman. Approved 4-0

# 11. Old Business:

A. Discussion and possible approval for renewal of Ampli-fund grant software. Alana Fowler moved to approve renewal of Ampli-fund grant software. Second by JoAnn FitesKaufman Approved 4-0

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Next Regular Board meeting -June 11, 2024 at 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.

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