

Alameda County Resource Conservation District
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RCD BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA

Location:
District Office, 3585 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA

Date: NOTE NEW DATE
Monday, August 18, 2008

Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

A light supper will be served at 6:00 pm. Guests are encouraged to RSVP by 9am on Monday if attending supper.
(925) 371-0154 ext 111

Materials provided to the Board will be available at the RCD office Monday morning.

**6:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER
PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Paul Banke, Jocelyn Combs, Tim Koopmann, Rod Tripp, Brenda Vieux

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF

County Counsel, Andrea Weddle
Terry Huff, Marilyn Harvey, Karen Sweet
Mike Gatzman, Bob Nuzum
Jessica and Charles Sweet

CORRESPONDENCE

East Bay Regional Park District

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion	The Board approves / revises Agenda
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RANGE CAMP REPRESENTATION – Jessica Sweet

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

CLOSED SESSION –

1. "Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (one case)."
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)

Real Property: Mitigation property including portions of APN's 099A-1830-001-10 and 099A-1830-002; 3064 Cross Road, Livermore

District Negotiator: Robert Nuzum

Other Negotiating Party: State of California, Caltrans; David Yam, Sean Malloy, Ron Kiaaina

Negotiation: Cooperative Agreement Funding and Terms

RE-OPEN MEETING AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

CONSENT CALENDAR – Items for action without discussion

- 1. Approval of prior month’s meeting minutes
- 2. Authorization to develop grants and/or contracts
 - a. SFPUC Mitigation Agreement
 - b. Oak Grove Management Plan
 - c. Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program, modification of Watershed Adventures for 2 years, \$115,094
 - d. Authorize Executive Officer to negotiate office lease which expires on 12/1/08
- 3. Approval of updated Fee Schedule
- 4. Other

Motion	The Board accepts the recommendations and reports contained in the Consent Calendar.
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EDUCATION and OUTREACH

- 5. Increase activities
 - a. Use of RCD website for PLCS business – status report.

Motion	The Board approves use of its website to conduct PLCS business.
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- b. New Farm Bill Roll-Out begins in California
- c. Consider CARCD Resolution
- d. Alameda County Local Work Group Meeting & BBQ Dinner 8/20/08 6:00 p.m.
Need R.S.V.P.’s from Board Members and brief orientation
- e. Other

STEWARDSHIP & PRESERVATION OF PRIVATELY OWNED & MANAGED LANDS

- 6. Use easements - Partnership for Land Conservation.
 - a. PLCS project report.
 - b. Approval of landowner MOUs to provide services

Motion	The Board approves the Memorandum of Understandings with <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Allison and Abbie Batteate for PLCS services to assist the landowner to develop and implement a conservation easement strategyb. Robert A Vieux, Jr. for PLCS services to assist the landowner to develop and implement a conservation easement strategy
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- 7. Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting highlights of July 29th
- 8. Other

STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC LANDS, LINKED TO PRIVATE AGRICULTURE – no business

WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT & STEWARDSHIP

- 9. Reduce barriers, provide incentives
 - a. LARPD pond. Awaiting contract to sign. – No change from last month

10. Use Mitigation

- a. Caltrans Pigeon Pass – Cross Road Project
 - i. Bob Nuzum: Co-op amendment update
 - ii. Mike Gatzman: Construction update
 - iii. UPDATE ON STATUS OF RFP DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION of the CALTRANS PIGEON PASS CROSS ROAD MITIGATION PROJECT
- b. Caltrans Pigeon Pass – LARPD
 - i. Bob Nuzum: Co-op and installation update

WATERSHED PLANNING & WATER QUALITY PROTECTION & ENHANCEMENT

11. Provide planning & leadership

a. SFPUC Contract update

Motion	The Board authorizes execution of the revised contract with San Francisco PUC to provide various services within the Alameda Creek Watershed, with a contract term of sixty months and a fee not to exceed \$1 Million.
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- b. CalFed (EACCS) – status report
- c. NRCS Contract – Provide assistance

Motion	The Board authorizes execution of contract with NRCS to provide assistance on the Stream Protection Strategy Project, for \$50,000 through 6/30/09
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PARTNERSHIP OPERATIONS

12. Finance Committee Report

- a. July Financial Reports. See reports

Motion	The Board accepts recommendations of the Finance Committee.
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- b. Other

13. Conservation Team

- a. **Conservation Partnership Team Monthly Report.** See meeting notes.

Motion	The Board accepts the Conservation Partnership Team Report.
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14. Personnel Committee Report and Recommendations. No meeting.

- a. Status report on Biologist
- b. Status report on Contract Administrator

15. Conservation Committee Report and Recommendations. See meeting notes.

- a. Stream Protection Strategy – approval of contract with NRCS to implement its contract with the County - \$50,000 through June 30, 2009.
- b. Sycamore Grove Co-op Agreement – status report
- c. Oak Grove Grazing Plan – status report
- d. Development & Mitigation Policy discussion
- e. RCD Privacy Policy
- f. CMP Revolving Fund Proposal

Motion	The Board accepts the recommendations of the Conservation Committee and authorizes the Executive Officer to execute contracts as noted.
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16. Election of Officers

- a. Election of Officers – President, Vice President, and Treasurer
- b. Appointment of Directors for the new term, beginning November

17. Consideration and Adoption of a Policy to Preclude Board Consideration or Approval of Contracts involving Real Property owned by ACRCO employees or consultants with pending ACRCO contracts.

Motion	The Board approves policy Approval of Contracts involving Real Property owned by ACRCO employees or consultants with pending ACRCO contracts.
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18. Other

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

- 19. President, Jocelyn Combs
 - a. Miscellaneous
- 20. NRCS District Conservationist, Terry Huff
 - a. Miscellaneous
- 21. Executive Officer, Karen Sweet
 - a. Miscellaneous. Written report
- 22. Director Attendance at NACD meeting September 14-16, 2008, Santa Cruz.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS, REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Director Participation

August 20	Local NRCS Work Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.
September 15	Next Board Meeting, 6:30p.m.
September 3	Personnel Committee, 7:30 a.m. at Sunol
September 4	Conservation Committee, 3:30 p.m. at the RCD Office
September 5	2008 Public Officials' Appreciation BBQ at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Happy Hour 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 7:00 p.m.
September 15	PLCS Advisory Board, Martinelli Center, Livermore, 9:30 a.m.
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ADJOURNMENT. Time:

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INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF

Terry Huff, Marilyn Harvey, Karen Sweet, Pete Van Hoorn

Mike Gatzman, Bob Nuzum

Jessica and Michelle Sweet, Becky Dennis (Associate Director)

CORRESPONDENCE - East Bay Regional Park District sent information about bond measure.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion	The Board approves Agenda with no changes. Passed (P Banke / R Tripp)
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RANGE CAMP PRESENTATION – Jessica Sweet showed a powerpoint presentation on Range Camp and explained the events that occurred during the week she was there. President Combs presented Jessica with a \$350 reimbursement from the RCD as a scholarship and asked for her support to recruit future range campers for the program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

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President Combs reported there is nothing to report except for item 17, to be discussed at that time.

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EDUCATION and OUTREACH

5. Increase activities
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 - b. New Farm Bill Roll-Out begins in California – Status report. Karen attended NRCS State Technical Advisory Committee meeting where program revisions were presented and prioritization discussion held.
 - c. Consider CARCD Resolution – The Board directed staff to draft a resolution urging CARCD to actively support CA Rangeland Conservation Coalition's efforts to resolve the permitting issues that are a barrier to utilizing NRCS appropriations in California. Further, the Board suggested staff offer a workshop at Conference to share lessons learned with the Caltrans projects.
 - d. Alameda County Local Work Group Meeting & BBQ Dinner 8/20/08 6:00 p.m.- approximately 60 agency and landowner attendees are signed-up for dinner.

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WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT & STEWARDSHIP

8. Reduce barriers, provide incentives
 - a. LARPD pond. Awaiting contract to sign. – We are waiting for LARPD response. The Board asked that staff elevate the conversation to senior staff and LARPD board.
9. Use Mitigation
 - a. Caltrans Pigeon Pass – Cross Road Project
 - i. Bob Nuzum: Co-op amendment verbal update. Bob explained that the RCD is waiting for response to Co-op amendment sent to Caltrans July 25 regarding regulatory requirements. This will extend the Co-op 5-10 years and necessitate more funding. The Board is determined to be proactive on accounts receivable, including legislative relations.

- ii. Mike Gatzman: Construction update. Caltrans has had the construction specifications for six weeks and was asked to reply immediately so that state NRCS office can respond. RCD can make the final decision if necessary to keep the project moving forward.
 - iii. UPDATE ON STATUS OF RFP DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION of the CALTRANS PIGEON PASS CROSS ROAD MITIGATION PROJECT. The RFP has not been sent out. Should construction not occur, the temporal loss will grow by 15% and costs will increase.
- b. Caltrans Pigeon Pass – LARPD
- i. Bob Nuzum: Co-op and installation update. The Co-op is now in the hands of LARPD and Caltrans is reviewing the revised vegetation plan. Staff was directed to complete the Co-op with an approximate budget if possible.

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- b. CalFed (EACCS) – status report – Progress if being made. The Outreach Committee will work to improve communications, particularly to landowners.

c. NRCS Contract – Provide assistance

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PARTNERSHIP OPERATIONS

11. Finance Committee Report

- a. July Financial Reports. See reports. Our anticipated tax revenue does not need adjustment since the county tax assessor says that anticipated property tax revenue loss and new, higher revenue from commercial properties will provide balance.

Motion	The Board accepts recommendations of the Finance Committee. Passed (T Koopmann / R Tripp)
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12. Conservation Team

a. Conservation Partnership Team Monthly Report. See meeting notes.

Motion	The Board accepts the Conservation Partnership Team Report. Passed (T Koopmann / P Banke)
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13. Personnel Committee Report and Recommendations. No meeting.

- a. Status report on Biologist position. 15 applications were received and the ranking and interviewing will soon take place.
- b. Status report on Contract Administrator. This position will be posted this week.
- c. The NRCS Range Conservationist, Miao Ling He began work today. Terry shared her background.

14. Conservation Committee Report and Recommendations. See meeting notes.

- a. Stream Protection Strategy – approval of contract with NRCS to implement its contract with the County - \$50,000 through June 30, 2009 (above). This program is good the Partnership and private landowners as we'll serve as a planning buffer. Staff was

directed to seek additional funding from water agencies. The first year of work will be planning and revenue development, focused on wildlife, plants and water quality. It may be able to support rangeland water education.

- b. Sycamore Grove Co-op Agreement – status report
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- d. Development & Mitigation Policy discussion
- e. RCD Privacy Policy.
- f. CMP Revolving Fund Proposal-County Counsel version to be emailed to Board.

Motion	The Board accepts the report and recommendations of the Conservation Committee to approve the Privacy Policy as written and directed staff to update the existing NRCS FOIA policy and develop a policy and guidelines related to our involvement with projects related to development. Passed (P Banke / R Tripp)
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15. Election of Officers - No election or appointment of Directors at this meeting.

Jocelyn announced that will not seek another term, which ends October 31. Rod is seeking another term. Nomination packets are due to the RCD office by September 15. The Board will be asking Associate Directors to participate more, and to foster more Associate Directors.

16. Consideration of a Policy to preclude Board consideration or approval of contracts involving real property owned by ACRCDC employees or consultants. The Executive Officer was directed to review the draft policy with Counsel to discuss its implementation with regard for existing programs and for the District’s program relationship with NRCS.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

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 - a. Miscellaneous – Report on SB375, Steinberg: It will be signed to add new development project design, requirements and approval process for local government.
- 18. NRCS District Conservationist, Terry Huff
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