

## Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD  
November 20, 2019 @ 6:00 pm

Establish Quorum: , Bill Buckman [ X ], Clay Jacobson [ X ], Chuck Macfarlane [ X ]  
Don Martin [ X ], Mike Millington [ X ], Pat Oilar [ X ], Dan Klatt [ X ]

Staff: Sharmie Stevenson [ X ], Todd Sloat [ X ], Garrett Costello [ ], Julie Allen [ X ],  
Sara Small [ ]

Call To Order: 1800 hrs

Public Comment: Becky Roe, Shasta College, advised the board that as per the Cal Fire Grant workforce development project, Shasta College would be starting a truck driving program in the spring semester out of the Burney Campus. The actual class would be held at the SPI Burney facility. Roe asked that the RCD help with outreach to obtain students for the class. At least 5 students necessary to be signed up to hold the class.

Roe also advised the board that Shasta College would be applying to Cal Fire for the next round of grant funding on their own.

Guests in attendance:

Becky Roe, Shasta College  
Zachary Zweigle, Shasta College

New Business

Extend grazing season on Swamp due to drought in valley. Consensus of the board to allow extension of the grazing season past the license allowable date on a year to year basis as approved by the board on the recommendation of the Range Manager. If temperatures preclude using the cattle watering system, grazier would have to provide their own water at their own expense.

For this season no extension due to freezing temperatures and construction work on cattle watering system.

Old Business

Replace Door on pump house. Only one bid from Jonathan Sims at \$1,720. Consensus to go ahead with Sims and get the new door in place.

Consent Calendar

Minutes October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 10/16/19 to 11/20/19

Motion to approve consent calendar by Bill Buckman, Second by Don Martin. Motion approved 7 to 0

**Executive Directors report:**

Burney Gardens; Enhanced Cultural and Stewardship Agreement Framework RCD has provide comments on the proposed framework, awaiting PRT comments.

Gun Club; LCCP approved by Stewardship Council at November 13th board meeting. Next steps transaction documents.

Fall River Mills West End AG Unit. Sent to PUC for approval. Still waiting approval.

Island Ranch; WCB approved acquisition grant for 2 million dollars, SNC preliminarily approved 1 million dollar acquisition grant, official notice will occur after the Board meeting in March, DFG Prop 68 grant in process, \$4 million dollar acquisition grant. McConnell Foundation might be interested in providing funding up to \$1 million dollars. Western Rivers would potentially fund the remaining amount and purchase the property.

**Range Managers Report:**

Fencing Projects. Still waiting feedback on maintenance proposal from PG&E.

Water trough pipeline construction. Contractor liability insurance issues taken care of. Work to begin next week.

New water troughs. Working on purchasing troughs and contract for installation.

Phone line WIFI for pump house. Still researching information on Wi-Fi and alarm systems.

Developed project list for research.

- Generator unit for pump house

- Grant for equipment purchase (rangeland roller, dump trailer)

- Solar power stock tank wells.

- Fencing for Fall River Mills AG unit

- Electric Fencing

- Survey all fences and prioritize for replacement.

- Prioritize gate replacement

- Repair existing Water Trough foundations as necessary.

- Tree planting, types, location and purpose.

Project Manager Report.

Grant with McConnell Foundation for planning forestry enhancement projects. It looks like the foundation will fund at least \$300,000 for planning. Consensus of board to submit.

Master Stewardship Agreement with Lassen National Forest signed. Supplemental Project Agreement waiting to be signed.

CEC Grant moving forward. Financing package set to construct 3 Meg plant at Hat Creek Construction. Equipment being purchased.

Second round of Cal Fire CII grant funding.

Todd to submit \$1.7 million dollar grant to include projects dropped from first round.

Jeff Oldson to submit Hogback Ridge Fuel Reduction and McArthur Road Fuel Break Project.

Resolution required to accompany grant submittals. Motion by Clay Jacobsen to approve resolutions, Second by Pat Oilar. Role Call Vote, Bill Buckman yes, Clay Jacobsen yes, Dan Klatt yes, Chuck Macfarlane yes, Don Martin yes, Mike Millington yes, Pat Oilar Yes. Motion passed 7 to 0.

**Adjourn : 2020 hours**

At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to a closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or to discuss with legal counsel matters within the attorney/client privilege and it may be held in a closed session. Authority: Government Code Section 1126(a)(d)(g)

**Next Regular Meeting Date – Wednesday – December 18, 2019 --Beginning at 6:00PM**