

## Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
M.C.T.O. at 6:16 pm

Board Members Present: Bill Buckman [ X ], Clay Jacobson [ X ], Chuck Macfarlane [ X ]  
Don Martin [ ], Chris Christofferson [ X ], Pat Oilar [ ] Chris Camarata [ X ]

Staff: Sharmie Stevenson [ X ], Todd Sloat [ ], Julie Allen [ X ]

Public Comment:

Guests in attendance: Dale Kroschel, George McArthur, Christine McArthur, Kenny McArthur, Tim Brown  
Via phone: N/A

### New Business

Office Real Estate Taxes – Tabled

Range Manager Position – Received four applications to be reviewed during closed session.

Beef & Brew – Discussion on sponsorship. M/S Chris Camarata/Chris Christofferson to make a sponsorship of \$500. Motion passed.

### Consent Calendar

Minutes February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 02/19/2025 – 03/18/2025

Financial Reports including Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Transaction Reports, and Reconciled Bank Statements

M/S Chris Camarata/Chuck MacFarlane to approve consent calendar as presented. Motion passed.

### Old Business

Scholarships - Tabled

### Executive Director Report

NRCS Update – Dale informed the board that securing any new expenses with the Federal Government is not likely to happen at this time – paused indeterminately. Dale also informed the board that there are 10 EQIP projects that have been ranked for funding and that Sara Small is no longer with NRCS.

Financial Overview Swamp and RCD - Tabled

Range Manager Advertising – Sharmie went over the various sites that the job posting was advertised on.

Wolf Meeting – Sharmie reported that Pit River Tribal members were in attendance of the wolf meeting and were against the wolf due to wolf predation on the deer. Will be setting up a meeting with tribal membership to set a partnership to determine path forward for our area.

Meeting with Doug LaMalfa – Doug will be attending Cattlemen's meeting.

### Range Manager Report

Gun Club Building Envelope – Location of 1 Acre envelope determined.

Weed Management Area Funding – Put in for just under \$25K/yr for 3 years for the Swamp property. Should be receiving notice of award in June.

McArthur Swamp Third Party Access – Julie reported that Ducks Unlimited's attorneys would be reviewing the conservation easements between DU/RCD and DU/PGE as well as third party access rights. George McArthur requested that the board separate the trespass actions from the grazing association (MRMA). Board will discuss at a follow up board meeting. George and Chris McArthur spoke on history of the water rights and access, presenting three unofficial documents for referencing. Claimed the reason for installation of the weir was due to SB 88 requirements to measure discharged water back to canal and back to State of CA. Discussion on location of weir placement and easement concerns. Also claimed to be working with the County regarding runoff water along McArthur Rd. Further discussion around ditching along McArthur RD vs. Snake Pond (South Drain) ditching. George and Chris McArthur agreed to move the ditching along McArthur Rd and direct it where the RCD wants it to go, also agreed to move the weir further down the Snake Pond ditch (South Drain) to where it is off of RCD property.

McArthur Swamp Hunting Program – Julie reported that 53 permits were sold during the hunting season – double the amount from previous years – bringing in \$2,090.

Snake Pond Lease – Discussion on putting blinds out to bid for the next hunting season or re-leasing to last year's tenant. Directed to put the blinds back out to bid in order to give others an opportunity.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Julie Allen