

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting
February 8, 2021 at 6:00pm
Golden West
Loyalton, CA

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

Note: this is audio ONLY

Phone Dial-in: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 977 7916 0758

Approved

Minutes

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.**
- 2. Roll call** – Directors present: Rick Roberti, Annie Tipton, Chad Smith, Dave Goicoechea, Bryan Griffin
Others in Attendance: Supervisor Roen, Victoria Fisher, Tracy Schohr, Supervisor Ceresola
Attendance via Teleconference: Kristi Jamason, Shane Starr, Willow Vierra
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
**Director Tipton motioned to approve the agenda. Director Roberti seconded the motion. Motion passed.*
- 4. Public Comment**
**None.*
- 5. Approval of November 2020 Minutes**
**Director Roberti motioned to approve the November 2020 minutes with a correction to item #14 (removal of the word subsidence). Director Tipton seconded the motion as amended. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
- 6. Announcements**
**Supervisor Roen announced that SNC may be opening up a new grant cycle with a close turn-around for project submissions. He encouraged the RCD to consider possible project submissions and to form a committee to follow up on this.*
- 7. Discussion/Action: New Board Member Introductions & Election of Officers**
**New board members Chad Smith and Bryan Griffin were introduced, as well as, the incumbent. Election of officers was held. Director Goicoechea moved to elect Director Roberti to the SVRCD Chair position. Director Tipton seconded it. 4-1 in favor of motion. Motion passed. Director Smith moved to elect Director Tipton to the SVRCD Vice-Chair position. Director Goicoechea seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
- 8. Discussion/Action: Drought Monitor Update**
**Tracy Schohr has been reporting via a public forum on how dry it is. She said that she and Willow Vierra have plans to take clippings in May, adding to the data, to show what the*

production rate is without the influence of livestock grazing. Additionally, the weather station is up and running. Also, Tracy is planning future drought monitor workshops for the local area.

9. Discussion/Action: TAC, Ground Water Management Agency Update

*Director Roberti reported to the board that they just had a meeting. Due to the large committee size, and in person meeting requirements, things have been moving slower than expected but they should eventually begin to identify needs for the water basin. A discussion by the board then took place over what these needs are. Kristi Jamison noted that the plan needs to be completed by August 2021.

10. Discussion/Action: NRCS Position Update, Tracy Schohr

*Tracy Schohr said that they completed the interviews. They are looking to fill an entry level position along with Dan Martynn's vacant position. They may have found someone for the senior position but haven't officially hired anyone. Tracy has offered to assist with the landowner introductions once the time comes.

11. Discussion/Action: Financial Report & Executive Director Update

***Board Approval, February & March 2021 Expenditures:** Victoria asked the board to consider approving regular hours retroactive for February and March 2021. *Director Tipton motioned to pay Victoria 4 hours retroactive for the month of February and for the month March 2021 for regular business. Director Goicoechea seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

***Financial Report:** Victoria reported that the RCD's bank account balance is \$6,139.16 with no outstanding checks.

12. Committee Reports/Agency Reports

*The board elected Tracy Schohr, Director Tipton and Director Roberti to be on a committee to follow up with Quentin Youngblood regarding a potential project grant submission to fund the Smithneck Corridor project. They will report to the board once they have new information available.

*Shane Starr from Doug LaMalfa's office reported that they finally got Doug's committee assignments. They are looking at introducing some forestry bills in the future.

*Tracy Schohr reported that Willow Vierra has accepted the new Plumas-Sierra Ag Commissioner's position. This was previously fill by Tim Gibson who has retired. She also reported that if you winter in Butte County there is a new 4-hour emergency incident training being put in place for producers.

**Note: Director Roberti would like to add the following discussions to future agendas: forage and water enhancement options, topics to pursue for a cattlemen's update, weed treatments.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6pm at the Golden West.