

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FLORIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Saturday, April 15, 2017

The regular meeting of the Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Tom Nelson, Chairperson, at 9257 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA.

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present:	Bob Gray, Tom Nelson, Sophia Scherman, Jeanne Sabin
Directors Absent:	Lisa Medina
Staff Present:	Mark J. Madison, General Manager; Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary; Sarah Jones, Program Manager
Associate Directors Present:	None
General Counsel Present:	None
Consultants Present:	None

Public Comment

1. California Department of Conservation 2017 Resource Conservation District Financial Assistance Program

Sarah Jones, Program Manager, presented the California Department of Conservation 2017 Resource Conservation District Financial Assistance Program to the Board.

Ms. Jones explained to the Board how the Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS) Program will work. She also identified the dates for training for the SLEWS Program will be held on Monday, May 22nd through Wednesday, May 24th, 2017.

A discussion occurred regarding the types of projects to be completed.

Director Sophia Scherman inquired what property the project would occur on. Ms. Jones responded stating since the District has not started implementing the program the property has not been identified.

Director Scherman inquired if there will be criteria to follow. Ms. Jones responded stating the Center for Landbase Learning (Center) will be providing ongoing support through the SLEWS Academy, and the Center will help us find a property owner to partner with within the FRCD boundary.

Ms. Jones stated that the District will also be partnering with the NRCS.

Chairperson Tom Nelson suggested that the board member who volunteers should have a great voice in the project.

The Bee Pollinator habitat was brought up as to whether it could be a project. The answer was yes.

Mark Madison, General Manager, reiterated that this grant is not the "rabbit in the hat" for the FRCD, and commented that the board will have to devote their time to meet the requirements of the grant.

There was a discussion of the financial impact to the FRCD funds. Ms. Jones explained to the Board that the funding for the grant comes quarterly and is reimbursed. She then stated that a cash match, paid by the FRCD, for Ms. Jones salary and benefits will be about \$8,500.00, the grant award portion will be about \$15,000.00, and administrative services for clerical services and general overhead will be about \$6,380.00.

A discussion occurred on how the working hours, as required by the grant, are going to be expended.

MSC (Scherman/Gray) to designate Chairperson Nelson and Director Jeanne Sabin as primary participants for the SLEWS Program on behalf of the FRCD and adopt Resolution No. 04.15.17.01 to authorize and direct the General Manager to submit a funding request and enter into an inter-agency agreement with the Department of Conservation to obtain funding from the 2017 Resource Conservation District Financial Assistance Program. 4/0: Ayes: Gray, Nelson, Sabin, and Scherman.

2. Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors and Elk Grove Water District Staff Retreat

This item was stricken from the agenda. A date for the retreat is to be determined.

Adjourn to regular meeting on April 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary

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