

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF THE FLORIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Elliot Mulberg, Vice-chair; and Sophia Scherman, Director
Staff Present: Bruce Kamilos, General Manager; Patrick Lee, Finance Manager;
Travis Franklin, Program Manager; Ben Voelz, Associate Engineer;
Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary; and Amber Kavert, Human
Resources Technician
Public: None

This was a posted meeting and no members of the public were present.

1. Administration Building Landscape Discussion

Program Manager Travis Franklin showed the Florin Resource Conservation District (FRCD) Conservation Committee members, consisting of Vice-chair Elliot Mulberg and Director Sophia Scherman, a potential layout for a public-accessible garden that would showcase a drought tolerant landscape and water wise planting. The garden would be located on the backside of the Elk Grove Water District (EGWD) Administration Building and would cost around \$150,000. This layout also included the mockup of the potential new well site that would accompany the garden, which is slated for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-28. This layout would require the garden to be put on hold until after the new well is constructed due to the space required to place the new well.

Alternatively, Mr. Franklin provided the committee with a second potential garden layout, consisting of updating the current landscape around the front of the administration building with the same drought tolerant and native plants slated for the first garden layout. This alternative option would satisfy Assembly Bill 1572 – Nonfunctional Turf Ban, would cost around \$90,000, and could be put into the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2024-25.

The Conservation Committee members chose the alternative option.

Associate Engineer Ben Voelz will include the landscape update into the CIP, which he will bring to the Infrastructure Committee in April.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on March 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary
AK/SP