



"To protect, enhance, and support Butte County natural resources and agriculture by working with willing landowners and citizens through education, land management, and on-the-ground projects."

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, July 8, 2021
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: No physical location**

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Pursuant to California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings

in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Butte County Resource Conservation District will be closing the June 18, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting to members of the public and nonessential District staff.** Additionally, members of the Board of Directors are allowed to attend the meeting via teleconference and to the same extent as if they were present.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the Board meeting in the following ways

1. Remote Viewing

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86706430448?pwd=N3BGGMkEqdnVvYk1BNmNFOWdiRmFNOT09OR> OR Phone: +1 669-900-6833, Meeting ID:867 0643 0448, then enter *931421#

2. Public Comment

Public Comment can also be submitted anytime via email at bcrd@carcd.org. Every effort will be made to provide Board Members with your comments before the agenda item is heard. Comments received after an agenda item will be made part of the record if received prior to the end of the meeting

- 1) CALL TO ORDER** – Allen Harthorn, Vice-Chair. 9:06 am
- 2) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Vice-Chair Allen Harthorn, Directors Colleen Hatfield and John Christofferson, District Manager Thad Walker, Staff Wolfy Rougle
- 3) REVISIONS TO AGENDA** (only emergency situations requiring the need to take immediate actions may be added as action items pursuant to Gov. code 549954.2(b))
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENT (on non-action items)**

(1) (3 min. limit per speaker/topic, 15 minutes/person/meeting total) (2) *Public comment is encouraged. Any member of the public may address the Board with any comment related to the Resource Conservation District's areas of concern. However, no action can be taken by the Board on such items at this current meeting. The Board may direct staff to agendize such items for consideration at a future meeting.*
(3) **Please note that all action items will have time set aside for public comment prior to the vote occurring. After a motion is made and seconded by two BCRCD Directors, the Chair will first ask for any further discussion from the Directors and Associate Directors and then Chair will open up the item for brief public comment limited to 2 minutes/person. After the public comment period closes a vote will be held.*

- 5) CONSENT AGENDA:** None

- 6) ACTION ITEMS** –
Allen Harthorn, Vice Chair

- a) Grant Agreement Amendment- Department of Conservation, Watershed Coordinator - Wolfy Rougle – Colleen made the motion to approve the amendment; John seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- b) Review/ Approval of 2021/2022 Operating Budget – Overall budget was revised to reflect all project supplies/equipment costs shown on each project tab; to reflect slightly higher insurance premiums for this year; and to reflect slightly higher utilities/internet costs. John moved to amend the budget (with full-time DM budgeted for) as revised during the meeting. Colleen seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- c) Next Board of Directors Meeting- Tuesday, July 20th at 9:00 AM
- d) John moved to adjourn; Colleen seconded; motion passed at 9:57 am.

7) RCD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

- a) Update – See staff updates in BOD packet. Thad updated the board on the status of the employee search – a few potentially promising hits on the forester position through Indeed.com, and staff continues to search for and recruit additional technicians/future PMs.

8) PARTNERS’ REPORTS (5 minute limit per group)

- a) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- b) Butte County departments
- c) Community groups and agencies – Allen reported on Friends of Butte Creek recent creekside restoration activities utilizing subcontracted funds from Fire Safe Council’s RAC grant. With Kimberly’s help, project involved moved 10-12 large fire-killed logs, emplacing them into the bank, and then using them as nurse logs to plant many individuals of 6 different kinds of shrubs. These shrubs are on a drip timer and show 95% establishment success so far.
- d) Allen also reported that a resident in Todd Kimmelshue’s district, John Merz, has shown interest in being on the RCD board. The board discussed the process for Supervisors and/or Directors to appoint new Board members.

9) BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

- a) Butte County RCD Directors and Associate Directors are welcome to report

10) ADJOURNMENT

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