



**Central Sacramento Valley
Resource Conservation & Development Area Council**
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MINUTES

(Items to be followed through with are in bold.)

Date: Monday, November 8, 2004

Time: Called to Order at 9:25 a.m. by Gary Freeman, President

Place: CSV RC&D Area Council Office

I. Roll Call/Introductions

A. Council Members

Gary Freeman, President and Glenn County Supervisor

Ernie White, Tehama County RCD

Christy Scofield, Vice President and Colusa County Supervisor

Gary Evans, Colusa County RCD

B. Members Absent

Mike Yalow, Secretary/Treasurer and Mayor of Orland

Peter Jukusky, Colusa EDC

Ross Turner, Tehama County Board of Supervisors

Claudia Martin, Business Resource Specialist, Tehama Local Development Corp.

D.C. Jones, Butte County RCD

C. Other Guests

David Rose, Glenn County, District Conservationist, NRCS

Andrea Casey, Colusa County, Acting District Conservationist, NRCS

Mike Landini, Rancher

Tim Crews, Valley Mirror Newspaper

Larry Akin, Program Coordinator, Central Sacramento Valley RC&D

Kandi Manhart, Executive Assistant, Central Sacramento Valley RC&D

Landini introduced himself as a rancher from the Elk Creek, California area. He will hopefully be representing the Glenn County RCD from now on.

Akin mentioned that Turner may be replaced on the Council; however, has not heard who or when he will be replaced.

II. Posting of Meeting Agenda

Akin confirmed meeting notice was posted per Brown Act.

III. Approval of September 13, 2004 Full Council Meeting Minutes and Approval Of October 6, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

No quorum.

IV. Approval of Invoice Payments

No invoices were presented to the Council. The only pending invoice was from Yosemite-Sequoia RC&D in the amount of \$3,500, which will be paid from the USFS Ag/Nature Tourism grant.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Partner Introductions and Reports

Casey reported that Steve Smith transferred to the Ukiah, California office; therefore, she will be the acting District Conservationist until the position is filled. She explained that the Colusa County RCD representative on the Council may have to change due to position changes in the County. Evans is the new Board of Supervisor. They will be delegating someone soon or work out current conditions. She presented a letter to Akin requesting grant search assistance for a project they have been working on. The project is in the Sites – Maxwell area and entails building a dam structure in a riparian area. It will cost approximately \$56,000. **President Freeman suggested that she present this letter and proposal and the next Executive Committee or Full Council meeting to obtain action.**

Landini asked if the RC&D is capable of grant searching for the Cooperative Extension office or 4-H. President Freeman noted that if there is a project involved yes; however, not for operational funds. He requested that **Landini present a letter from the Cooperative Extension outlining possible projects for the community.** Scofield noted that all 4-H's could use help with funding. Landini asked if projects such as building a youth center in Elk Creek, California, or creating a welcome sign in Elk Creek would be projects the RC&D could grant search for. President Freeman said, most likely yes; however, he will research other ways also.

VII. President's Report and Comments

President Freeman noted that there was an excellent turnout at the State Association's Annual Fall Conference in Magalia, California. The Butte County Fire Safe Council and NRCS helped sponsor the conference. He noted that there were great speakers to help raise the level of awareness for healthy forests. President Freeman mentioned that he was disappointed in the CSV RC&D's lack of participation.

The AgInnovator presentation at the conference, given by Yalow and Rick Krepelka, went well. Manhart noted that things will be moving forward once the funds are in the Councils account.

The Butte County annexation paperwork is in Jim Kocsis, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS office and they should be seeing it very soon. **Akin noted that he and President Freeman should attend their next meeting to announce the final approval.**

President Freeman reminded the Council that the State Association will be funding a grant for Council outreach. The project will be completed in six months.

He noted the importance of Council member participation and asked how to increase it? President Freeman mentioned that there must be more involvement and enthusiasm to be successful. Broader scope of membership by various non-profits, business owners, tribes, etc. was the answer from most Council members. He said this will continue to be on the agenda until it is resolved and there are results.

The 2005 meeting calendar will be coming out shortly. President Freeman wanted the Councils input for days and times. The most common day and time for everyone present was the 2nd Monday of every other month at 1:00 or 1:30 PM. **A memo will be distributed to Council members concerning this item.** The meetings will also be rotated in the four county areas.

President Freeman also noted that they have received Glenn County dues. It was noted that Butte and Tehama County's will be on their way. There will be no funds from Colusa County as of right now. **Scofield will check into it.**

VIII. Grant Updates

- USFS Ag/Nature Tourism, FACTS Contract Deliverables
Akin reminded the Council that FACTS is still working to provide a document that the Council will approve of. It will be finished by the end of November and he hopes to start putting on workshops the first of the year.
- Great Valley Center Ag/Nature Tourism
There is approximately half the money remaining, which will help with further Ag/Nature Tourism projects, including AgInnovators.
- USFS Ag/Nature Tourism Map
Project has yet to be developed, but the **Council must locate a graphic designer to begin mapping process through an RFP.** Akin will be working with Jaime Johansen of Butte County Farm Bureau, since Butte County is developing a similar map.
- Rural Roads Abatement
Project is completed and **final report is due.**
- NRCS Operational Funds
The Council received another operation grant for \$15,000. Grant ends December 2005.

Akin proceeded to tell the Council about the State Association grants.

IX. Financial Report

None

X. Program Coordinators Report

Akin mentioned that the Council needs to **look at reworking the Area and Annual Plans.** This will help to increase effectiveness and include Butte County. **The Council will need to hold public and partner meetings in order to receive a variety of needs, concerns and wants. He suggested the Council begin the first of the year and hold evening meetings in the four different counties.**

XI. Personnel Position Descriptions; Performance Agreements

President Freeman noted the need for personnel position descriptions and that he will look at the draft version presented at last meeting. **He will present at next meeting for approval.**

XII. Other Business/Unscheduled Matters

President Freeman noted that action items will be presented at next business meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 13, 2004 at 12:00 PM in Orland.
Lunch will be provided.**

XIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by President Freeman at 11:00 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Kandi Manhart, Executive Assistant