



**CENTRAL SACRAMENTO VALLEY  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT AREA COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 606 • 327 Fourth Street, Orland, CA 95963**

**MINUTES**

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

**Date: Monday, July 12, 2004**

**Time: Called to Order at 9:27 a.m. by Gary Freeman, President**

**Place: CSV RC&D Area Council Office**

**I. Roll Call**

**A. Council Members**

Gary Freeman, President and Glenn County Supervisor  
Mike Yalow, Secretary/Treasurer and Mayor of Orland  
Ernie White, Tehama County RCD  
Ross Turner, Tehama County Board of Supervisors  
Christy Scofield, Vice President and Colusa County Supervisor

**B. Members Absent**

Peter Jukusky, Colusa EDC  
Claudia Martin, Business Resource Specialist, Tehama Local Development Corp.  
Gary Evans, Colusa County RCD  
Hank Spurlock, Glenn County RCD

**C. Other Guests**

Lin Brooks, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations, NRCS  
David Rose, District Conservationist, NRCS  
Steve Smith, District Conservationist, NRCS  
D.C. Jones, Butte County RCD  
Keith Hansen, Glenn County Supervisor  
Rick Krepelka, President/CEO, Innovative Business Technologies Group  
Larry Akin, RC&D Coordinator, Central Sacramento Valley RC&D  
Kandi Manhart, Executive Assistant, Central Sacramento Valley RC&D

**II. Posting of Meeting Agenda**

Akin confirmed meeting notice was posted per Brown Act.

**III. Approval of May 10, 2004 Meeting Minutes**

Turner moved to approve the minutes with any noted corrections. White seconded.  
Approved unanimously.

#### **IV. Approval of Invoice Payments**

Manhart presented invoices for the Pizza Factory (lunch 7-12-04) and for her to be reimbursed for Open House expenses with receipts. Turner moved to approve presented invoices. White seconded. Approved unanimously.

#### **V. Partner Introductions and Reports**

Rose reported that Glenn County received over \$1 million in EQUIP funds; however, is only able to fund approximately 10 applicants. He said they are going to stress more diversity amongst applicants next year. Unfortunately, the olive growers were the majority of applicants that did not get funded so they are still battling the olive fruit fly.

Smith reported that Colusa County received approximately \$800,000 in EQUIP funds and was able to fund 22 out of 28 applicants. He also noted that they will be hiring a new biologist and the deadline to apply is 7-14-04.

Akin mentioned the success of the “Constructing and Maintaining Ranch and Rural Roads Workshop” in Colusa County. Thirty-six people attended. He also talked about the July 28 and 29 workshop in Glenn County.

Brooks congratulated the CSV RC&D for holding their Open House during National RC&D Week. He noted that RC&D’s will receive \$3 million in contracts with a 50 – 50 cost share. He discussed the increase of using local technology contracts instead of outsourcing. He complimented the Glenn County Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program. Brooks noted that a new Coordinator came on board for the North Coast RC&D, Kate Simons. Also, that funding to help Trinity RC&D outreach to neighboring counties has been found.

#### **VI. Approval of Employee Policy Handbook**

Turner moved to approve the Employee Policy Handbook with stated amendments from the Executive Committee. Yalow seconded. Approved unanimously.

#### **VII. Subscriptions**

Akin presented, to the Council, a potential subscription offer from Capital Press and encouraged the Council to subscribe. Benefits that would be seen are grant availability, media attention, and Ag/Nature Tourism articles. Turner moved to subscribe to the Capital Press for 1 year. White seconded. Approved unanimously.

It was noted that the cost could be deducted from an Ag/Nature Tourism grant.

#### **VIII. AgInnovators**

Yalow discussed the background of the AgInnovator project. He talked about Orion Fulton, from the Great Valley Center, attending the last Full Council meeting, and he presented sections of Carol Whiteside’s letter to Lin Brooks explaining the value of the project. Yalow noted that the AgInnovator and Ag/Nature Tourism projects parallel each other, therefore, believes this project should move forward easily if funding is available.

Discussion of potential outcomes of the project occurred. Yalow introduced Krepelka to explain the website process in more detail.

Krepelka introduced himself and gave a brief history of his education and experiences. He discussed the website building and hosting processes; he confirmed that purchasing a server would be unfeasible since it would only cost a maximum of \$40 per month to host the website. This includes security, backups and technological support, which is important he explained.

Turner asked where the startup funding would come from. Yalow commented that the Great Valley Center may be in the position to help and that a group of them will be meeting with NRCS for a potential grant. He did say that eventually the project's goal is to be sustainable through private industry and sponsorships. The AgInnovators, major connections, would include NRCS, Great Valley Center, Small Farm Center, and CSV RC&D. Turner suggested the Council spend approximately \$5,000 for the initial development of the website than add as it becomes successful. Other costs that were noted were the monthly hosting fee, software costs, and administration support.

Krepelka noted his interest to be on the Council. It was confirmed that there would be no conflicting interests.

A tentative date for the AgInnovator group to meet with NRCS is July 19<sup>th</sup>. Brooks will check with Jim Kocsis, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS to see if that date is obtainable.

Brooks included that the "Idea Center" should be integrated into the project. The Council agreed.

## **IX. President's Report**

President Freeman noted his position as Chair of the National Energy Committee, NARC&D. He discussed that they will be working on a one to two page document stating "How to..." apply for grants relating to this. The document will then be distributed to help Councils, etc. receive grant funds.

He noted the compliments received by holding an Open House during "National RC&D Week" from the National Association of RC&D Councils. Also, proclamations from Tehama and Glenn Counties and the City of Orland were recognized for National RC&D Week, July 11-17, 2004.

President Freeman discussed his scholarship sponsored trip to Kansas and talked about a speaker by the name of Ernesto Soroli.

He also noted the CARC&DC dates, October 27, 28, and 29. The conference will be held in Magalia with an "Urban Rural Interface" theme. He noted the Fire Safe Council will help sponsor the event by donating approximately \$8,000. The rooms will be at the Quality Inn with the meetings being held at the Paradise Pines Golf Course. President Freeman

noted that the tour will be held the 27<sup>th</sup> with the Glow Ball Tournament on the night of the 28<sup>th</sup>. He encourages all to attend.

President Freeman noted that the CARC&DC received more monies from the Modoc County agreement (large coordination event).

**X. Finance Committee Report**

Yalow stated the Councils finances are being re-vamped in order to accommodate grant deliverables. He noted the CARC&DC invoices are still due.

**XI. Program Coordinator's Report**

(For further information please see Akin's Coordinator Report.)

**XII. Other Business/Unscheduled Matters**

**President Freeman noted Butte County should be included on all headings now and the Board should be sent a letter noting their annexation approval.**

**Turner suggested sending Charles Willard a get well card from the CSV RC&D. He said to send it to the Tehama County Board of Supervisors.**

**XIII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned by President Freeman at 12:00 noon.

Respectively submitted,

Kandi Manhart, Executive Assistant