



Minutes
GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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May 18, 2017, 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Location: Gold Ridge RCD Office, 2776 Sullivan Rd., Sebastopol, CA 95472 *Call for directions*
Time: **3:30 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM.

Directors present: Mel Sanchietti, Richard Hughes, Torrey Olson

Directors absent: Ann Cassidy, Joe Dutton

Associate Directors present: Guy Smith **Associate Directors Absent:** Chris Choo

Staff present: Joe Pozzi, Brittany Jensen, Adriana Stagnaro, John Green, William Hart, Noelle Johnson

Others present: Noel Bouck, Jen Walser (NRCS)

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B))

There were no changes made to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).

There was no public comment.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4-1 Updates & Notices

4-2 NRCS Update

4-3 Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5-1 **April 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes, April 6, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes and April Grant Status Report**

Motion to approve Consent Calendar:

1st Sanchietti

2nd Olson

Ayes: Hughes, Sanchietti, Olson

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Cassidy, Dutton

6. ACTION ITEMS

6-1 **Approval of March 2017 Financial Report and Warrant Request**

Motion to approve March 2017 Financial Report and Warrant Request:

1st Olson

2nd Sanchietti

Ayes: Hughes, Sanchietti, Olson

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Cassidy, Dutton

6-2 **Approval of Executive Director to Enter into Contract with Permaculture Artisans** for \$62,670 to construct the Fairy Nectar Farm Rainwater Catchment Systems Project, funded through Salmon Creek Supplemental Environmental Program (SEP).

Motion to approve Executive Director to Enter into Contract with Permaculture Artisans for above amount and contract:

1st Sanchietti

2nd Olson

Ayes: Hughes, Sanchietti, Olson

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Cassidy, Dutton

6-3 Approval of Executive Director to Enter into Contract with UC Cooperative Extension for \$30,000 to provide assistance on rangeland LandSmart Plans, through an agreement with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District funded by USDA NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

Motion to approve Executive Director to Enter into Contract with UC Cooperative Extension for above amount and contract:

1st Sanchietti **2nd** Olson **Ayes:** Hughes, Sanchietti, Olson
Nays: None **Abstentions:** None **Absent:** Cassidy, Dutton

6-4 Approval of the Williams Ranch / Black Oaks Dairy Project - Notice of Intent, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Initial Study available for public review and comment pursuant to Section 15073(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Motion to approve the Williams Ranch / Black Oaks Dairy Project - Notice of Intent, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Initial Study:

1st Sanchietti **2nd** Olson **Ayes:** Hughes, Sanchietti, Olson
Nays: None **Abstentions:** None **Absent:** Cassidy, Dutton

7. ADJOURNMENT AND AGENDA SETTING

*Discussion of potential FFS assistance RCD can offer to cannabis growers during permitting process
Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.*

8. LISTENING SESSION ON THE SANTA ROSA PLAINS GSA

One member of the public arrived at 5:40pm to ask questions and air concerns.

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