



Board of Directors Meeting

The Mission of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District is to enhance and improve the sustainability of natural resources by educating, providing training, and assisting private and public landowners and land users.

AGENDA

Thursday August 9, 2012

8:00 A.M.

Agriculture Center Auditorium - 5630 South Broadway - Eureka
(Items marked with * are attached to director packets).

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dan Cohoon, Chairman
2. **INTRODUCTIONS**
3. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
5. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FOR July 12, 2012 – ACTION ***
6. **DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE** (Circulated at meeting)

Incoming:

- Riverside Community Services District – Letter declining request from HCRCD to purchase water for construction purposes during Phase 1 of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project.
- Walt Giacomini – Copy of letter to Humboldt County Board of Supervisors advising of Mr. Giacomini's intent to resign from the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District Board effective August 31, 2012. Giacomini reports that other obligations are preventing him from participating as fully as he would like.
- North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – Notice and agenda for meeting of Policy Review Panel and Technical Peer Review Committee.
- Del Norte Resource Conservation District – Agenda for July 18th meeting and minutes from June meeting.
- State Coastal Conservancy – Approval of scope and budget for Grant Agreement 10-050 for final design of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project.
- Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) – Notice inviting applications for the position of public member for a four-year term ending in May of 2016 (District officers or employees are not eligible for this position).
- California Native Grasslands Association – Announcement of a three-day grazing workshop in Willits September 25-27. Sponsored by Ridgewood Ranch, NRCS, Mendocino Farm Bureau and Mendocino County RCD.

Outgoing:

- Virginia Bass, Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors – Letter from HCRCD Board expressing support for re-appointment of HCRCD Directors Belli, Markegard and Moore for another four-year term.

- State Coastal Conservancy – Letter transmitting completed agreement and necessary documents for grant agreement #12-004; Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project - Implementation.
- Hank Seemann, County of Humboldt Public Works – Letter advising County of funding secured by HCRCD for operation of the Francis Creek TTS station for hydrologic year 2012-2013.
- Stephen’s Construction – Letter formally transmitting a stop work order on South Fork Elk Road Decommissioning project.

7. HCRCD DIRECTOR’S REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. PRESENTATION: USDA SOIL SURVEY UPDATE – Sue Aszman and Ryan Miebach

9. FINANCIAL REVIEW AND REPORT – L. Barnwell (Handout)

- a. Review August Financial Statement
 - 1) Review of checks issued since last Board meeting
 - 2) Current Status of Invoices and Payments Received
 - 3) Discuss and Approve List of Payments – **ACTION**

10. NRCS DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT – Jon Shultz

11. DISTRICT STAFF ACTIVITIES REPORTS and PROJECT UPDATES *

12. NEW BUSINESS– ACTION

- a. Appoint ad hoc New Director Search and Nomination Committee
- b. SALT RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT – Implementation Schedule
- c. RESOLUTION #12-08

Background: HCRCD and Ducks Unlimited have separately secured grants to cover costs associated with planning, design, environmental compliance, permitting, construction management and construction of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project. Staff of HCRCD and DU have developed a Cooperative Agreement to facilitate funding transfers for work completed, information sharing for complying with reporting requirements, and to clarify the roles and responsibilities of HCRCD and DU as they jointly work to accomplish the project. The Board is being asked to approve resolution #12-08 authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Cooperative Agreement on behalf of HCRCD.

13. OLD BUSINESS – REVIEW AND DISCUSS 2012-2015 LONG RANGE PLAN - POTENTIAL ACTION

Background: Rae Ann Dubay of NRCS facilitated the Board’s Strategic Planning session and incorporated proposed updates and revisions into a draft 2012-2015 Long Range Plan. Changes are reflected on page 2: Vision, and pages 3 and 4: Priorities. Rae Ann also provided a matrix of strategies and tasks for the Board to discuss and to assign leads and due dates. The Board will review and discuss the draft Strategies and Tasks and develop accompanying Measurements of Success. The Board may decide to approve and adopt the 2012-2015 Long Range Plan at this meeting.

14. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 8 a.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT