

Humboldt
County



RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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 February 12, 2015

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** (Gov. Code 54954.2(B))
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
Any person may address the Board regarding any matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. Members of the public may also comment on agenda items when they are discussed. (Gov. Code 54954.3(a))
5. **DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE** (Circulated at meeting)
Incoming:
 - Fish and Game Commission – Notice of Proposed regulatory action relating to the prohibition on the use of lead projectiles for the take of wildlife with firearms**Outgoing:**
 - State Water Resources Control Board – Cover letter for request for deviation form and supporting documentation to remove two tasks from grant agreement 07-539-550-4 allowing grant agreement to be closed effective March 1, 2015.
 - Urban Streams Restoration Program – Cover letter transmitting resolutions from HCRCD and Salt River Watershed Council in support of the Francis Creek Restoration and Rehabilitation Project proposal submitted by the RCD.
6. **PRESENTATION – Steve Werner**, Supervising Planner, County of Humboldt (*Potential Action Item*)
BACKGROUND: Certain areas of agricultural land located in the Eel River Delta and Arcata Bottoms are subject to a Coastal Development Permit for standard agricultural improvements; such as installing and repairing fences and agricultural wells. Other areas are located within a “categorical exclusion zone” and exempt from this requirement. Continuing drought conditions have led to an increase in the number of producers seeking a permit to drill or improve an agricultural well in areas outside of the “categorical exclusion zone”. Securing a Coastal Development Permit can be a lengthy process. The time involved often impedes a producer's ability to efficiently manage their land.
The Board will hear a presentation and discuss potential solutions to assist producers secure a permit in a more timely way. The Board may take action on this item at this meeting or may direct staff to gather more information.

- 7. HCRCD DIRECTOR'S REPORTS, REQUESTS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - 6.1 Reports From Other Meetings Attended By Board Members
 - 6.2 Board Requests For Future Agenda or Information Items
 - 6.3 Other Announcements from Board Members

- 8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**
 - 8.1 Approval of Minutes for meeting of January 8, 2014*
 - 8.2 Approval of Minutes for January 22, 2015 Grazing Committee meeting*
 - 8.3 February Financial Report (Handout)

- 9. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a) Conflict of Interest Code* – Second Reading
 - b) Distribute Conflict of Interest Statements for 2014
 - c) Set strategic planning session date

- 10. SALT RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT* - Staff**

- 11. DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS and OTHER RCD PROJECT UPDATES* – Staff**

- 12. NRCS DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT - Jon Shultz, NRCS District Conservationist**

- 13. UCCE Report – Jeffery Stackhouse**

- 14. PERSONNEL – Adjourn to Closed Session to conduct the Board's performance evaluation of the Executive Director.***

- 15. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ACTION TAKEN**

- 16. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday March 12, 2015 at 8 a.m.**
Meeting location: Agriculture Center Auditorium, 5630 South Broadway (Humboldt Hill exit) Eureka, CA

- 17. ADJOURNMENT**

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