

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 19, 2007 * 5:30 PM

Trinity County PUD Office, 26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville CA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Greg Lowden, Patrick Truman

Board Members Absent: Owens, Rourke

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Alex Cousins, Jason Smith, Mark Dowdle

Other Agency Staff: Josh Allen (Trinity County), Brandt Gutermuth (TRRP)

Guests: None

1.0 Call To Order: 5:30 PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve agenda.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Minutes

3.1 Special Meeting of November 28, 2007

MSC –Truman/Lowden to approve minutes of special meeting November 28, 2007.

3.2 Special Meeting of December 14, 2007

Minutes for December 14, 2007 not presented.

Staff Reports

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

Board reviewed financial statement. Smith reported District's line of credit is being paid down considerably and reviewed notable revenues and payables for the period. Frost noted quarterly budget revision, including new agreements, will be presented to Board in January.

4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants

Board reviewed warrants. Smith answered questions from Directors.

MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$152,700.24.

4.3 Discuss and Approve Annual Audit Report for Year Ending June 30, 2007

Frost answered questions about management letter and elaborated on for-fee projects.

MSC — Truman/Lowden to accept Audit Report.

13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Resolution 07-07 authorizing application to California Department of Conservation for Trinity River Watershed Coordinator grant.

MSC — Truman/Lowden to approve Resolution 07-07. Roll call vote: All ayes, no abstentions.

14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Trinity County RCD Gift Acceptance Policy

Frost explained forms presented were for example and reference only and not part of the policy.

MSC — Truman/Lowden to approve Trinity County RCD Gift Acceptance Policy.

15.0 Election of Board Officers

MSC — Truman/Lowden to nominate O'Sullivan as Chairperson.

MSC — Lowden/Truman to nominate Owens as Vice Chairperson.

16.0 Closed Session

None

6.0 NRCS Report

Written report read and reviewed by Directors.

7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council Report

Truman reported the next Council meeting, on January 9, is scheduled as a teleconference.

8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Committee Report

Frost reported he delivered final payment this date to BLM in Redding for Phase I Harvest. Also in Redding this date Frost and O'Sullivan had productive, positive discussions with USFS Deputy Forest Supervisor Scott Armentrout and other USFS regional staff about WCF expansion. A representative of American Forests will be in Weaverville January 9 for to tour WCF. Frost and staff will be meeting with BLM January 15 to discuss various aspects of WCF stewardship (2008 work plan) and expansion. Cousins reported Phase I Harvest was watched approvingly by USFS and Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC).

9.0 Trinity County Trails Report

Frost reported some of the stewardship projects proposed for the coming year in WCF will entail trails development, including a loop for West Weaver trail.

10.0 Facilities Report

None

11.0 Public Comment

None

5.0 Projects Report

Written report read and reviewed by Directors. O'Sullivan and Lowden reported positive feedback from landowners about fuels reduction work done by District personnel along Oregon Street.

12.0 Public Hearing/Public Scoping for Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EA/EIR) for the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7

Frost introduced this agenda item "Public Hearing/Public Scoping Meeting" scheduled for 6:30 p.m.. No members of the public present. PowerPoint Presentation of project, project alternatives and timeline made by Brandt Gutermuth of Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) and Alex Cousins of TCRCD (District's role as CEQA lead agency). Josh Allen provided some details on CEQA lead and the County's role as Responsible Agency. O'Sullivan opened hearing for public comment at 7:05 p.m. No public present. No written or oral comments provided during public meeting, though two letters have been received and a third letter is expected from Trinity County. Public hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

17.0 District Manager's Report

Frost conveyed District staff's gratitude to Board of Directors for granting December 24 and December 31 as paid holidays. Board members reiterated that the staff have worked very hard and are deserving of this recognition.

18.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

None.

19.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

RCD Office

5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
Weaverville, CA

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

January 16, 2008

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- 1.0 Call To Order O'Sullivan 5:30 PM
- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda
- 3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes
- 3.1 Special Meeting of December 14, 2007
- 3.2 Regular Meeting of December 19, 2007

Staff Reports

- 4.0 Financial Report
- 4.1 Discuss Monthly Statement and Spreadsheet
- 4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants
- 4.3 Discuss and Approve Third Quarter 2007-2008 Budget Revision
- 5.0 Projects Report
- 6.0 NRCS Report
- 7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council Report
- 8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Committee Report
- 9.0 Trinity County Trails Report
- 10.0 Facilities Committee Report
- 11.0 Public Comment
- 12.0 Closed Session
- 13.0 District Manager's Report
- 14.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
- 15.0 Adjourn

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Board Members Absent: None

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Jason Smith, Mark Dowdle

Other Agency Staff: Tiffany Riess

Guests: None

1.0 Call To Order: 5:32 PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

MSC – Lowden/Owens to approve agenda.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Minutes

3.1 Special Meeting of December 14, 2007

MSC – Rourke/Owens to approve minutes of special meeting December 14, 2007.

3.2 Meeting of December 19, 2008

MSC – Lowden/Rourke to approve minutes of regular meeting December 19, 2007.

Staff Reports

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

Board reviewed financial statement. Smith reported District's line of credit is being paid down steadily and it may be paid completely by the end of the fiscal year.

4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants

Board reviewed warrants. Smith answered questions from Directors.

MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$113,256.35.

4.3 Discuss and Approve Third Quarter 2007-2008 Budget Revision

MSC — Truman/Owens to approve Third Quarter 2007-2008 Budget Revision to an amount of \$2,041,039.

5.0 Projects Report

Frost reported on meeting with BLM in Redding January 15 about project ideas for WCF in 2008, including additional trail work, continuing with Phase I monitoring and weed eradication, Heritage Fruit Project, funding set-aside for road maintenance, and BLM's continuing obligation for fiscal support of forest.

Frost reported on grant proposals for new fuels reduction projects, including Little Brown's Creek Road which has the worst fuel loading according to CalFire's annual inspections.

6.0 NRCS Report

Riess reported Randy Randall is the Acting Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for Area One. The recently signed Omnibus Bill extended the 2002 Farm Bill for NRCS. No Farm Services Agency office will be closed. Deferral letters have been sent out to applicants of EQIP with lower ranked projects that did not qualify for first round of funding. NRCS is collaborating with TCRCDD to conduct outreach to landowners affected by the Lewiston Fire in an effort to inventory resource concerns. A subsequent work program to address those needs will benefit Trinity River watershed with reduction of sediment delivery. The same approach to inventory and treating lands affected by the Sims and Oregon fires would also produce such benefits for the watershed.

7.0 Northwest RC&D Council Report

Truman reported the teleconference meeting in January worked well and included representatives from the Hoopa and Yurok tribes. Requests for assistance are increasing.

8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Report

Discussed during Projects Report item.

9.0 Trinity County Trails Report

Frost presented large map of South Fork Trinity River watershed depicting USFS Travel Management OHV Designated Route Program and Recreation Data Assessment for the Board to study and consider. Rourke pointed out several places where there are public access issues or the need to connect routes, work that could possibly be done during road decommissioning work in the area.

10.0 Facilities Committee Report

Frost noted new pavement is subject to icing and all employees are making efforts to reduce risk of slipping.

11.0 Public Comment

None

12.0 Closed Session

None

13.0 District Manager's Report

Frost discussed efforts to recruit new district manager and need to set date to review applications as closing date is February 15. Best time appeared to be at next board meeting, February 20. Frost is to be interviewed about becoming a member of the Board of the California Fire Safe Council. The next meeting with USFS regarding expansion of the WCF is set for January 31. Directors Lowden and Truman are attending NACD annual meeting in Reno February 8-13. Frost is going to a USFS meeting in Portland February 11-13 to discuss the agency's new business model at the invitation of Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

14.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

Rourke reported he attended the workshop on Agritourism put on by UC Cooperative Extension and considered it well done and interesting. Truman reported he has been appointed to CSDA Bylaws/Elections Committee and the election of regional representatives will be localized rather than statewide. He is also on the Task Force Committee to sit on ad hoc committees as needed.

Truman reported CARCD Executive Director Tacy Currey sits on CSDA's legislative committee so it is an effective spot for her and CARCD. Truman reported he traveled to McFadden, Wyoming to attend a memorial service for NACD President Olin Sims, who was killed in a ranching accident. O'Sullivan reported no date has been set yet for the Northern Area CARCD area conference. Lowden reported he will be attending the California Envirothon April 2-4.

15.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

RCD Office

5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
Weaverville, CA

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

February 20, 2008

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- 1.0 Call To Order O'Sullivan 4:00 PM
- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda
- 3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2008
- 4.0 Closed Session - Review and discuss applications for District Manager
- 5.0 Time Certain for 5:30 pm: Public Hearing: Certification of Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EA/EIR) for the Lewiston -Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7.
- 5.1 Discuss and/or Take Action on Resolution 2008-001 Certifying Final Environmental Impact Report for the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7 Making Findings of Fact required by the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 5.2 Discuss and/or Take Action on Resolution 2008-002 Approving the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7, Pursuant to Final Environmental Impact Report for Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7 and Findings of Fact, and Directing District Staff to proceed to Work with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7 on the Acquisition of All Required Regulatory Permits.

Staff Reports

- 6.0 Financial Report
- 6.1 Discuss Monthly Statement and Spreadsheet
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- 7.0 Projects Report
- 8.0 NRCS Report
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- 11.0 Trinity County Trails Report
- 12.0 Facilities Committee Reports
- 13.0 Public Comment

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TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Old Business

New Business

- 14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Re-nominating Representatives of the District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to Membership in the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group.
- 15.0 Closed Session — District Manager's Annual Review
- 16.0 District Manager's Report
- 17.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
- 18.0 Adjourn

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2008 * 4:00 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville CA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Greg Lowden, Patrick Truman, Rose Owens, Mike Rourke

Board Members Absent: None

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Alex Cousins, Mark Dowdle

Other Agency Staff: Tiffany Riess, NRCS; Ed Solbos, TRRP

Guests: None

1.0 Call To Order: 4:07 PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

MSC – Lowden/Truman to approve agenda.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2008

MSC – Truman/Owens to approve minutes of regular meeting January 16, 2008 as amended.

4.0 Closed Session - Review and Discuss Applications for District Manager

MSC – Owens/Lowden to go into closed session.

MSC – Truman/Owens to come out of closed session.

O'Sullivan reports the Board did not finish and will return to the closed session at the end of other business on the agenda.

5.0 Time Certain for 5:30 p.m.: Public Hearing: Certification of Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EA/EIR) for the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7.

5.1 Discuss and/or Take Action on Resolution 2008-001 Certifying Final Environmental Impact Report for the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7 Making Findings of Fact required by the California Environmental Quality Act.

O'Sullivan opened public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Frost explained District's role as CEQA lead agency. No public present. No oral comments received. O'Sullivan closed public comment period.

MSC – Truman/Owens to approve findings and to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7.

Roll call vote: Ayes: O'Sullivan, Rourke, Owens, Lowden, Truman;

Nayes: None; Abstentions: None.

5.2 Discuss and/or Take Action on Resolution 2008-002 Approving the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7, Pursuant to Final Environmental Impact Report for Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7 and Findings of Fact, and Directing District Staff to proceed to Work with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7 on the Acquisition of All Required Regulatory Permits.

MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve Resolution 2008-002 Approving the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7, Pursuant to Final Environmental Impact Report for Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7 and Findings of Fact, and Directing District Staff to proceed to Work with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on the Lewiston-Dark Gulch Rehabilitation Project: Trinity River Mile 105.4-111.7 on the Acquisition of All Required Regulatory Permits.

Roll call vote: Ayes: O'Sullivan, Rourke, Owens, Lowden, Truman;
Nays: None; Abstentions: None.

Staff Reports

6.0 Financial Report

6.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

Board reviewed financial statement. Frost reported all payables are being met well and that Fiscal Manager Smith is doing a good job sheparding reports and getting out invoices in a timely manner.

6.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants

Board reviewed warrants. Frost answered questions from Directors.

MSC – Truman/Owens to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$130,954.21.

7.0 Projects Report

Cousins reported the District has put forth nine proposed projects totaling \$375,000 as part of a \$600,000 package of proposals submitted by the Trinity River Watershed Council to TRRP. These could be funded with additional monies TRRP received. Cousins answered questions from Directors about a proposed timber shelter at Lee Fong Park. He stated he will be meeting with the Recreation Department Board at its meeting February 27 to present plans and obtain approval for the project.

8.0 NRCS Report

Riess reported the Weaverville office was able to fund two more previously deferred EQIP projects using funds not allocated in other areas, and would like to acquire funds for three more. The total EQIP funding to Trinity County now stands at \$266,458 after \$43,288 in additional monies.

NRCS is collaborating with TCRCDD to conduct outreach to landowners affected by the Lewiston Fire in an effort to inventory resource concerns. Implementation of practices to address those concerns will be dependent upon TRRP approving the funding request for this project. Trinity River Watershed Council has given its support to the funding request. Jim Spear has been named Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for Area 1 and begins March 3. Riess will serve as Acting Director in the interim of hiring a new district conservationist. US Fish & Wildlife is seeking nominations for the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group and NRCS is suggesting TCRCDD nominate Tim Viel, NRCS Biologist, as the primary representative and Tiffany Riess, Soil Conservationist, as the alternate representative.

14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Re-nominating Representatives of the District and the natural Resources Conservation Service to Membership in the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group.

MSC - Truman/Lowden to nominate Pat Frost and Alex Cousins as Representative and Alternate, respectively, of the District, and to nominate Tim Viel and Tiffany Riess as Representative and Alternate, respectively, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

9.0 Northwest RC&D Council Report

None.

10.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Report

Frost referred to WCF Stewardship Report and handed out sheet depicting fund allocation of Phase I Harvest. Rourke sought reassurance the WCF Strategic Plan calls for close attention to the current timber market of any subsequent timber harvest operations. Frost and Cousins explained ways the WCF and its Stewardship Fund are helping leverage additional funds. Frost stated a recent USFS decision sets boundaries of the proposed expansion and includes some roadless areas that buffer the Trinity Alps Wilderness Area.

11.0 Trinity County Trails Report

None.

12.0 Facilities Committee Report

None.

13.0 Public Comment

None

15.0 Closed Session - District Manager's Annual Review

None

16.0 District Manager's Report

Frost advised Directors of a schedule conflict for the regular March Board meeting. The date was set for March 18. Reminded Board that they need to take the on-line Ethics Class that Mark Dowdle set up for them by May 2008.

17.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

None

4.0 Closed Session - Review and Discuss Applications for District Manager

MSC – Owens/Lowden, at 6:24 p.m., to resume closed session.
MSC – Lowden/Owens, at 7:09 p.m., to come out of closed session.
O'Sullivan reports out a list of candidates to offer interviews.

18.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

SPECIAL

RCD Office
12:30 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
Weaverville, CA

March 11, 2008

- 1.0 Call To Order O'Sullivan 12:30 PM

- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

- 3.0 Public Comment

- 4.0 Closed Session - District Manager Interviews

- 5.0 Adjourn

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TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2008* 12:30 PM
#3 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville CA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Rose Owens, Mike Rourke, Greg Lowden, Patrick Truman

Board Members Absent: None

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Frost

Other Agency Staff: None

Guests: None

1.0 Call To Order: O'Sullivan called meeting to order at 12:30 PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

MSC – Lowden/Truman to approve agenda as presented.

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Closed Session - District Manager Interviews

MSC – Truman/Rourke to go into closed session at 12:30 PM

MSC – Truman/Owens to come out of closed session at 5:22 PM

~~5.0~~O'Sullivan reported on closed session. The Board directed staff on continuation of the recruitment process for the District Manager.

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~~6.05.0~~ Adjourn

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Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM

RCD Office

4:00 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
Weaverville, CA

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

March 18, 2008

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- 1.0 Call To Order O'Sullivan 4:00 PM
2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda
3.0 Closed Session – District Manager Interviews
4.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2008

Staff Reports

- 5.0 Financial Report
 5.1 Discuss Monthly Statement and Spreadsheet
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6.0 Projects Report
7.0 NRCS Report
8.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council Report
9.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Committee Report
10.0 Trinity County Trails Report
11.0 Facilities Committee Report
12.0 Public Comment

New Business

- 13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Operational Agreement between TCRC&D and NRCS
14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Donation in Memory of NACD President Olin Sims
15.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Sponsorship of Trinity County Teachers to attend the Forestry Institute for Teachers
16.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Sponsorship of Trinity County Students to attend 2008 Range Camp
17.0 Discuss and/or Take Action: Director Travel to CA RC&D Councils Meeting, Sacramento, April 23-25, 2008
18.0 Discuss and/or Take Action: Director Travel to CARCD Day in the Capitol, Sacramento, May 21, 2008
19.0 Closed Session - Personnel: District Manager
20.0 District Manager's Report
21.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
22.0 Adjourn

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2008 * 4:00 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville CA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Patrick Truman,

Board Members Absent: Greg Lowden, Rose Owens, Mike Rourke

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Jason Smith, Mark Dowdle

Other Agency Staff: Tiffany Riess, NRCS; Bruce Williams, NWCRC&D Council

Guests: None

1.0 Call To Order: No quorum obtained by 5:00 p.m.; O'Sullivan cancelled meeting.

SPECIAL

Trinity High School
321 Victory Lane
Room #15
Weaverville, CA
96093
4:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

April 8, 2008

- 1.0 Call To Order O'Sullivan 4:00 PM

- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

- 3.0 Public Comment

- 4.0 Closed Session - Personnel: District Manager Search

- 5.0 Adjourn

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TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2008* 4:00 PM
Room 15 Trinity High School, Weaverville CA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Rose Owens, Mike Rourke, Greg Lowden, Patrick Truman

Board Members Absent: None

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Frost

Other Agency Staff: None

Guests: None

1.0 Call To Order: O'Sullivan called meeting to order at 4:00 PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

MSC – Lowden/Owens to approve agenda as presented.

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Closed Session - Personnel: District Manager Search

MSC – Owens/Rourke to go into closed session at 4:00 PM

MSC – Rourke/Truman to come out of closed session at 4:55 PM

~~5.0~~ O'Sullivan reported on closed session. The Board accepted the withdrawal of Frost's resignation as District Manager and authorized the Chair to send letters to all of the applicants from the earlier recruitment thanking the candidates for their interest in the District and indicating that Frost would be staying on as District Manager.

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6.05.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

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RCD Office

5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
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Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

April 16, 2008

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- 1.0 Call To Order O'Sullivan 5:30 PM
- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda
- 3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes
- 3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting February 20, 2008
- 3.2 Minutes of Special Meeting March 11, 2008
- 3.3 Minutes of Regular Meeting March 18, 2008
- 3.4 Minutes of Special Meeting April 8, 2008
- 4.0 Financial Report
- 4.1 Discuss Monthly Statement and Spreadsheet
- 4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for February 2008
- 4.3 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for March 2008
- 4.4 Discuss and Approve Budget Revision for Fourth Quarter 2007-2008
- 5.0 Projects Report
- 6.0 NRCS Report
- 7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council Report
- 8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Committee Report
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- 10.0 Facilities Committee Report
- 11.0 Public Comment
- New Business**
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- 13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on NRCS Cancellation of Three EQIP Contracts
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April 16, 2008 * 5:30 PM

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MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Greg Lowden, Patrick Truman, Rose Owens, Mike Rourke

Board Members Absent: None

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Jason Smith, Mark Dowdle

Other Agency Staff: Tiffany Riess

Guests: None

1.0 Call To Order: 5:33 PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve agenda.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes

3.1 MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve minutes of regular meeting February 20, 2008

3.2 MSC – Truman/Owens to approve minutes of special meeting March 11, 2008

3.2 MSC – Truman/Owens to approve minutes of regular meeting March 18, 2008

3.4 MSC – Lowden/Truman to approve minutes of special meeting April 8, 2008

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

Board reviewed financial statement. Smith reported another large payment was made on the line of credit the previous week, reducing the balance significantly.

4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for February 2008

MSC – Truman/Owens to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$71,163.15

4.3 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for March 2008

MSC – Truman/Owens to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$71,967.65

4.4 Discuss and Approve Budget Revision for Fourth Quarter 2007-2008

MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve budget revision for Fourth Quarter 2007-2008 to an amount of \$2,041,039.

5.0 Projects Report

Board reviewed written report. Frost reported on success of DG giveaway day at Hamilton Ponds and answered questions about grants applications and new projects.

6.0 NRCS Report

Riess reported the new sunset for current Farm Bill is April 18 and it may be extended for another year. NRCS is focusing on refining collection details for its Lewiston fire inventory data. It will explore using "community plans" to obtain EQIP funding for smaller landowners if parcels are contiguous. NRCS applied for WHIP funding for Reading Creek project but it did not attain a sufficiently high ranking.

12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Operational Agreement Between TCRCD and NRCS.

MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve Operation Agreement between TCRCD and NRCS.

13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on NRCS Cancellation of Three EQIP Contracts

MSC –Owens/Truman to approve cancellations with recommendation to not seek any repayment of liquidated damages.

7.0 Northwest CA RC&D

Truman explained lack of renewed Farm Bill and related uncertainty of program funding has left Northwest California RC & D Council on uncertain footing.

8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Report

Frost reported progress after meeting with USFS on WCF expansion. He discussed purpose of upcoming visit by GAO staff to area on April 17. BLM staff want to ensure beneficial projects emanating from WCF stewardship agreement are highlighted during GAO tour. There will be a community meeting on April 29 at the Weaverville Fire Hall

9.0 Trinity County Trails Report

Frost reported wilderness trails at higher elevations are evidently in poor condition with many downed trees making them impassable following winter storms. USFS reportedly has no funding or personnel to get trails reopened.

10.0 Facilities Committee Report

None.

11.0 Public Comment

None.

14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Donation in Memory of NACD President Olin Sims

Truman requested personal donations be made for memorial in honor of the late NACD President Olin Sims. No formal action required.

15.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Sponsorship of Trinity County Teachers to Attend the Forestry Institute for Teachers

MSC – Owens/Lowden for District to offset mileage expenses for any two Trinity County teachers attending one of the two nearest Forestry Institute for Teachers sessions in 2008.

16.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Sponsorship of Trinity County Students to Attend 2008 Range Camp

MSC – Truman/Lowden for District sponsorship of two (2) Trinity County students to attend 2008 Range Camp.

17.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Director Travel to CA RC&D Councils Annual Meeting, Sacramento, April 23-25, 2008

Meeting cancelled.

18.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Director Travel to CARCD Day in the Capitol, Sacramento, May 21, 2008

MSC – Owens/Truman to approve director travel to CARCD Day in Capitol.

19.0 District Manager's Report

Frost reported UC Cooperative Extension will hold a workshop on fire resistant construction. He asked which directors would be attending North Coast Area CARCD spring meeting May 8. Lowden and Truman indicated they would attend. Alex Cousins will attend Biomass workshop May 1-2 in Bend, Oregon. Trinity County will now charge for any legal counsel services it provides to special districts. Cynthia Tarwater heads west to Weaverville this week from Florida. To honor District personnel for 24 consecutive accident-free months, TCRCDD will provide bowling and lunch in afternoon of May 1.

20.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

Lowden reported a nice but small California Envirothon this year with 11 teams competing. Palisades Charter School won for the second year in a row. Truman attended to help judge. Lowden Truman will attend CARCD Day in Capitol May 21.

21.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

RCD Office

5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
Weaverville, CA

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

May 13, 2008

- 1.0 Call To Order O'Sullivan 5:30 PM
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- 11.0 Public Comment
- New Business**
- 12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on 2007 Annual Report
- 13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Memorandum of Understanding with Young Family Ranch, Inc.
- 14.0 District Manager's Report
- 15.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2008 * 5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville CA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Greg Lowden, Patrick Truman, Rose Owens

Board Members Absent: Mike Rourke

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Jason Smith, Mark Dowdle

Other Agency Staff: Tiffany Riess, Bruce Williams

Guests: None

1.0 Call To Order: 5:33 PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

MSC – Lowden/Owens to approve agenda.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes April 16, 2008

MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve minutes of regular meeting April 16, 2008

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

Board reviewed financial statement. Smith reported balance owing on District's line of credit has again been reduced significantly.

4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for April 2008

MSC – Truman/Owens to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$75,889.24

5.0 Projects Report

Board reviewed written report. Frost reported work on the USFS East Weaver fuels reduction project would begin in fall 2008 and answered questions about grant applications and new projects. District will be advertising sale of firewood from WCF.

6.0 NRCS Report

—~~Re~~riess reported Jenna Brazil, the new soil conservationist for Weaverville office will start June 23 and Katie Tenneson will return again as an intern in early June. The current Farm Bill has again been extended. Proposals for a new Farm Bill would step up funding of conservation programs, with increased support for organic certification, EQIP, CRP and water quality programs.

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7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council

—Williams explained lack of renewed Farm Bill currently leaves NRCS unable to renew funding —Northwest California RC & D Council at end of this fiscal year. He reported the Council just —received a \$20,000 grant ~~from~~ for the Children's Garden and has a grant application in ~~the~~ —the Risk Management Authority to do workshops for producers in the region.

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The Five-Counties —Salmonid Program is seeking to come under the auspices of the Council. It could be a beneficial —arrangement for both parties by stabilizing the council and expanding its land management function under its existing strategic plan. Council board will hear proposal May 14.

8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Report

Frost reported GAO staff visit to area April 17 went very well. Their report may affect future reauthorization. Community meeting April 29 was also very productive. Truman noted Chamber [opf](#) Commerce newsletter contained positive comments about WCF Phase I projects.

9.0 Trinity County Trails Report

Frost reported USFS is considering how best to proceed with reopening wilderness trails.

10.0 Facilities Committee Report

See item 13.

11.0 Public Comment

None.

12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Annual Report

Frost thanked Noreen Doyas and other staff for work on annual report.

MSC – Truman/Owens to approve annual report.

13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Memorandum of Understanding with Young Family Ranch, Inc.

——Board reviewed Memorandum of Understanding and Work Plan. Frost answered questions from —board and explained proposed arrangement, structure of MOU, and details [about](#) funding, [the W](#)Work Plan ——and third-party use agreements. He noted District and YFR, Inc. will each provide reciprocal ——liability insurance coverage. All third-party users must sign agreements spelling out how their ——activities on the property will benefit community of Weaverville. University of California ——Cooperative Extension Nutrition Program will rent two rooms for offices through a proposed ——agreement between [UCC](#) Extension and the District, as manager of the property. Members of 4-H will ——have animal projects at site and must agree to provide community benefit in exchange. UCCE will provide nutrition education presentations and workshops. Frost explained YFR will provide some funding for District program at The Ranch to benefit the community, including 2008 Summer Day ——Camp. He cited immediate and longer term capital needs, including an ADA-compliant restroom ——and electrical upgrades.

MSC – Truman/Owens to approve Memorandum of Understanding, including initial Work Plan for May 15 to October 31, 2008.

14.0 District Manager's Report

——Frost reported the District honored its personnel on May 1 for 24 consecutive accident-free months ——by providing lunch and an afternoon of bowling. The North Coast Area – CARCD spring meeting in Weaverville went very well and was well attended. The fall meeting will be hosted by ——Goldridge RCD October 10 in Occidental and the spring 2009 meeting will be in Hoopa.

15.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

None.

16.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2008

RCD Office

5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
Weaverville, CA

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

June 18, 2008

- 1.0 Call To Order O'Sullivan 5:30 PM
- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda
- 3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes May 13, 2008
- 4.0 Financial Report
- 4.1 Discuss Monthly Statement and Spreadsheet
 - 4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for May 2008
 - 4.3 Discuss and/or Take Action on 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget
- 5.0 Projects Report
- 6.0 NRCS Report
- 7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council Report
- 8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Committee Report
- 9.0 Trinity County Trails Report
- 10.0 Facilities Committee Report
- 11.0 Public Comment
- New Business**
- 12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Opening of Bid for Solicitation # Sims Road Decommissioning (4N15, 3N63, 3N51, 3N52)
- 13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on CARCD Membership
- 14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Call for Nominations to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Region 1, Seat C
- 15.0 District Manager's Report
- 16.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
- 17.0 Closed Session – District Manager's Performance Evaluation
- 18.0 Adjourn

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

~~June 18~~May 13, 2008 * 5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville CA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Greg Lowden, ~~Rose Owens~~, Mike Rourke, Patrick Truman;
~~Rose Owens~~

Board Members Absent: ~~Mike Rourke~~

~~None~~

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Jason Smith, Cynthia Tarwater, Mark Dowdle

Other Agency Staff: Tiffany Riess; ~~Bruce Williams~~

Guests: None

1.0 Call To Order: 5:30~~3~~ PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

MSC – ~~Owens/Lowden~~Lowden/Owens to approve agenda as amended to move Item 12 before Item

4.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes May 13~~April 16~~, 2008

MSC – ~~Lowden/Owens~~Truman/Lowden to ~~approve~~approve minutes of May 13, 2008 meeting.

12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Opening of Bid for Solicitation # Sims Road Decommissioning (4N15, 3N63, 3N51, 3N52)

Frost recommended the Board, upon opening of bids, consider awarding the project to the lowest responsible bidder. Tarwater explained 11 potential bidders attended the mandatory site walk-through on May 29, 2008 and five of those submitted timely bids by 5:00 p.m. June 6, 2008. Two of the five bidders, Deneau Company and McDonald Earthworks, were deemed qualified and responsible bidders for the project. Bids from only those two bidders were opened.

Bid Number 1: Deneau Company: \$91,300.00

Bid Number 2: McDonald Earthworks: \$81,900.00

Bids from only those two bidders were opened and the bid from McDonald Earthworks was lowest of the two.

MSC – Rourke/Lowden to accept the bid of \$81,900 from McDonald Earthworks as the lowest from bidders deemed qualified and responsible.

~~e minutes of regular meeting April 16, 2008~~

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

Board reviewed financial statement. Smith reported that as of this date balance owing on District's line of credit ~~credit has again been reduced significantly.~~

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has been paid in full.

- 4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for May~~April~~ 2008
MSC – Truman/Owens to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$75,889,2487,796.52

4.3 Discuss and/or Take Action on 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget

Smith and Frost provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Board.

MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve the District's 2008-2009 Budget in the amount of \$1,918,952.

5.0 Projects Report

Board reviewed written report. Frost reported work on the USFS East Weaver fuels reduction project would begin in fall 2008 and answered questions about grant applications and new projects. District will be advertising sale of firewood from WCF.
Weaver Creek Trail is done and commended AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Project member Erica Spohn for a great job in laying out the trail.

6.0 NRCS Report

Riess reported Jenna Brazil, the new soil conservationist for Weaverville office will start June 23 and Katie Tenneson will return again as an intern in early June. The current Farm Bill has again been extended. Proposals for a Congress had overridden a veto of the new Farm Bill and subsequent rulemaking will clarify funding for programs. would step up-It appears to place greater emphasis on Conservation Planning with increased funding by a third for of conservation programs, with increased support for organic certification, EQIP, CRP and water quality programs.
Riess reported 31 applicants for conservation planning on 2,605 acres. The Day in the Wetlands environmental education event for fourth graders went well. Letters are going out to landowners along Highway 299 in vicinity of Scotch broom eradication project to explain effort and garner participation. Forestland will qualify for EQIP, and the EQIP maximum has been increased to \$300,000.
NRCS will continue work with Lewiston Fire landowners and is presently looking to site sediment basins on private property. Summer intern Katie Tenneson will be working with new soils specialist Jenna Brazil on a conservation plan for the Young Family Ranch.

7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council

Williams explained lack of renewed Farm Bill currently leaves NRCS unable to renew funding Northwest California RC & D Council at end of this fiscal year. He reported the Council just received a \$20,000 grant from First Five for the Children's Garden and has a grant application in the the Risk Management Authority to do workshops for producers in the region. Truman reported the Council voted to take over fiduciary responsibility of the Five-Counties Salmonid Program, which is funded through grants and the five counties, and is now putting together an integrated budget and preparing for discussions with Trinity County on some costs. m is seeking to come under the auspices of the Council. It could be a beneficial arrangement for both parties by stabilizing the council and expanding its land management function under its existing strategic plan. Council board will hear proposal May 14.

8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Report

TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Frost reported GAO staff visit to area April 17 went very well. Their report may affect future reauthorization. Community meeting April 29 was also very productive. Truman noted Chamber of Commerce newsletter contained positive comments about WCF Phase I projects. on a tour conducted for the BLM Advisory Committee on June 11. All vouchers for cords of prepared firewood have been sold. Discussions with USFS on expansion of WCF are moving slowly.

9.0 Trinity County Trails Report

—Frost reported the District has laid out a trail with BLM to connect with the West Weaver Trail that will form a loop through the Community Forest. d USFS is considering how best to proceed with reopening wilderness trails.

10.0 Facilities Committee Report

See item 13. None.

11.0 Public Comment

None.

12.0 — Discuss and/or Take Action on Annual Report
13.0 — Discuss and/or Take Action on Staff for work annual report
MSC — Truman/Owens to approve annual report

13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Memorandum of Understanding with Young Family Ranch, Inc. CARCD Membership

—Board reviewed Memorandum of Understanding and Work Plan. Frost answered questions from board and explained proposed arrangement, structure of MOU, and details of funding, Work Plan and third party use agreements. He noted District and YFR, Inc. will each provide reciprocal liability insurance coverage. All third party users must sign agreements spelling out how their activities on the property will benefit community of Weaverville. University of California Cooperative Extension Nutrition Program will rent two rooms for offices through a proposed agreement between UCC Extension and the District, as manager of the property. Members of 4 H will have animal projects at site and must agree to provide community benefit in exchange. UCCE will provide nutrition education presentations and workshops. Frost explained YFR will provide some funding for District program at The Ranch to benefit the community, including 2008 Summer Day Camp. He cited immediate and longer term capital needs, including an ADA compliant restroom and electrical upgrades.

MSC – Truman/LowdenOwens to approve Memorandum of Understanding, including initial Work Plan for May 15 to October 31, 2008.- renew CARCD membership.

14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Call for Nominations to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Region 1, Seat C

MSC –O'Sullivan/Truman to nominate Phil Schoefer of Western Shasta RCD to Region 1, Seat C of the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors

15.4.0 District Manager's Report

—Frost reported the District honored its personnel on May 1 for 24 consecutive accident free months by providing lunch and an afternoon of bowling. The North Coast Area CARCD spring meeting in Weaverville went very well and was well attended. The fall meeting will be hosted by Goldridge RCD October 10 in Occidental and the spring 2009 meeting will be in Hoopa. he plans to take off the last two weeks in October. He advised O'Sullivan, Owens and

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Rourke of pending expiration of their terms. A legal notice will be published in July and directors should supply letters of intent to RCD Board by August to permit timely recommendations to Trinity County Board of Supervisors.

The regular August board meeting is slated for August 27 and will be held in Hayfork at Roderick Senior Center. The September board meeting will held at Bar 717 Ranch in Hyampom on September 17 during Environmental Camp and will include the local Speak-Off contest.

165.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

O'Sullivan reported she is organizing a meeting of the CARCD Forestry Committee to this area slated for August 14-15. ~~None.~~

176.0 Closed Session - District Manager's Performance Evaluation

MSC – Rourke/Lowden to move into closed session at 6:52 PM.

MSC –Owens/Truman to move out of closed session at 7:24 PM.

O'Sullivan reports on Closed Session. The Board determined that Frost's performance meets their expectations and has authorized a raise to Step 8.

18.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM. ~~Adjourn~~

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Young Family Ranch

5:30 PM

**260 Oregon Street,
Weaverville, CA**

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

July 16, 2008

- 1.0 Call To Order O'Sullivan 5:30 PM
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- 9.0 Trinity County Trails Report
- 10.0 Facilities Committee Report
- 11.0 Public Comment
- New Business**
- 12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Resolution 2008-03 Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the California Department of Conservation through its Watershed Coordinator Grant Program for Grant #3007-234
- 13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Letter to NRCS State Conservationist for Emergency Watershed Protection Assistance for 2008 wildfires
- 14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on the Final Travel Management Inventory Maps for Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Beginning of Formal Environmental Analysis Process and Development of Proposal to Define Motorized Opportunities
- 15.0 District Manager's Report & Tour of Young Family Ranch
- 16.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
- 17.0 Closed Session
- 18.0 Adjourn

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

~~July 16~~~~May 13~~, 2008 * 5:30 PM

~~#3 Horseshoe Lane~~~~Young Family Ranch, 260 Oregon St.~~ Weaverville CA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Greg Lowden, ~~Rose Owens, Mike Rourke,~~ Patrick Truman;

~~Rose Owens~~

Board Members Absent: ~~Mike Rourke~~

~~None~~

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Jason Smith, ~~Alex Cousins,~~ Mark Dowdle

Other Agency Staff: Tiffany Riess, ~~Bruce Williams, Jenna Brazil, Katie Tenneson,~~ ~~Bruce Williams~~

Guests: None

1.0 Call To Order: 5:30~~3~~ PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

MSC – ~~Lowden/Truman~~~~Lowden/Owens~~ to approve agenda with deletion of Closed Session item.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes ~~June 18~~~~April 16~~, 2008

MSC – ~~Lowden/Owens~~~~Truman/Lowden~~ to ~~approve~~~~approve~~ minutes of June 18, 2008 meeting.

~~Bids from only those two bidders were opened.~~

~~Bid Number 1: Deneau Company: \$91,300.00~~

~~Bid Number 2: McDonald Earthworks: \$81,900.00~~

~~e minutes of regular meeting April 16, 2008~~

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

Board reviewed financial statement. Smith reported ~~balance owing on District's line of credit has again been reduced significantly.~~
~~some year-end entries will need to be made.~~

4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for ~~June~~~~April~~ 2008

MSC – Truman/Owens to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$~~75,889.24~~~~107,166.03~~.

~~Discuss and/or Take Action on 2008 2009 Fiscal Year Budget~~

~~Smith and Frost provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Board.~~

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TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MSC Truman/Lowden to approve the District's 2008-2009 Budget in the amount of \$1,918,952.

5.0 Projects Report

Board reviewed written report. Frost reported work on the USFS East Weaver fuels reduction project would begin in fall 2008 and answered questions about grant applications and new projects. District will be advertising sale of firewood from WCF. Answered questions about fuels projects and explained one fire was held to seven acres due to a shaded fuel break funded by the RAC on Mad Ridge. Some work sites for District projects are temporarily off-limits due to fire activity. Work continues on projects in Weaverville Basin and crew has been cleaning up District's old Grass Valley Creek boneyard. District crews attended USFS-certified fire training for USFS readiness, thanks to the efforts of Cynthia Tarwater. District was invited by USFS to sign up as a rental provider of equipment. District then received contract for use of its two chippers plus crews. Alex Cousins took the leading on setting this up.

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6.0 NRCS Report

Riess reported work done under a USFS Community Protection Program protected a large Hyampom area ranch complex from fire burning in the Hyampom area. She introduced new NRCS Soils Conservationist Jenna Brazil. Riess noted the newly-passed Farm Bill puts an additional \$8.1 million into California EQIP programs, so four additional local applicants rated "high" might receive contracts. EQIP ceiling lowered to \$300,000. Staff is currently working on 36 conservation plans. A community meeting is planned in Coffee Creek this autumn to discuss watershed planning. NRCS will be serving on the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team for Trinity County and work continues on Lewiston Outreach. Riess shared a letter from Area Resource Soil Scientist Jim Komar containing recommendations about the Lewiston inventory process. Riess reported Jenna Brazil, the new soil conservationist for Weaverville office will start June 23 and Katie Tenneson will return again as an intern in early June. The current Farm Bill has again been extended. Proposals for a new Farm Bill would step up funding of conservation programs, with increased support for organic certification, EQIP, CRP and water quality programs. Riess reported 31 applicants for conservation planning on 2,605 acres. The Day in the Wetlands environmental education event for fourth graders went well. Letters are going out to landowners along Highway 299 in vicinity of Scotch broom eradication project to explain effort and garner participation.

7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council

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Frost reported dGAO staff visit to area April 17 went very well. Their report may affect future reauthorization. Community meeting April 29 was also very productive. Truman noted Chamber of Commerce newsletter contained positive comments about WCF Phase I projects. Discussions with USFS on expansion of WCF have stalled with current fire activity and with the resignation of Joyce Andersen. A new District Ranger has been hired and will be in place by mid-August.

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9.0 Trinity County Trails Report

Frost reported first phase of the prescribed herbivory project along West Weaver Creek trail has been completed and thanked Dowdle for his initiative on this innovative project, to connect with the Trail that will form a loop through the Community Forest. USFS is considering how best to proceed with reopening wilderness trails.

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10.0 Facilities Committee Report

See item 13. None.

11.0 Public Comment

None.

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12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Resolution 2008-03 Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the California Department of Conservation through its Watershed Coordinator Grant Program for Grant #3007-234.

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MSC – Truman/Owens to approve Resolution 2008-03. Roll-call vote: All ayes, no abstentions.

12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Annual Report
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13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Memorandum of Understanding with Young Family Ranch, Inc. Letter to NRCS State Conservationist for Emergency Watershed Protection Assistance for 2008 Wildfires.

Board reviewed Memorandum of Understanding and Work Plan. Frost answered questions from board and explained proposed arrangement, structure of MOU, and details of funding, Work Plan and third party use agreements. He noted District and YFR, Inc. will each provide reciprocal liability insurance coverage. All third party users must sign agreements spelling out how their activities on the property will benefit community of Weaverville. University of California Cooperative Extension Nutrition Program will rent two rooms for offices through a proposed agreement between UCC Extension and the District, as manager of the property. Members of 4-H will have animal projects at site and must agree to provide community benefit in exchange. UCCE will provide nutrition education presentations and workshops. Frost explained YFR will provide some funding for District program at The Ranch to benefit the community, including 2008 Summer Day Camp. He cited immediate and longer term capital needs, including an ADA compliant restroom and electrical upgrades.

MSC – Truman/Owens to approve Memorandum of Understanding, including initial Work Plan for May 15 to October 31, 2008. Rourke to approve Letter to NRCS State Conservationist with addition of U.S. Senators Boxer and Feinstein to list of communication copy recipients.

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14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on the Final Travel Management Inventory Maps for Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Beginning of Formal Environmental Analysis and Development of Proposal to Define Motorized Opportunities.

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MSC – Rourke/Owens to approve sending letter to Donna Harmon, South Fork Management Unit District Ranger, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, informing USFS that District wants to be actively involved in the Travel Management planning process, that the Recreation Planning process for Shasta-Trinity National Forest needs to be closely linked to Travel Management Planning, and inviting Harmon to August 27 Board meeting to make presentation to Directors on these matters.

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154.0 District Manager's Report & Tour of Young Family Ranch

Frost reported Summer Day Camp is going well with 33 children in attendance this week. He showed Directors a brochure for Resource Conservation Fund and requested input on content. The District honored its personnel on May 1 for 24 consecutive accident free months by providing lunch and an afternoon of bowling. The North Coast Area CARCD spring meeting in Weaverville went very well and was well attended. The fall meeting will be hosted by Goldridge RCD October 10 in Occidental and the spring 2009 meeting will be in Hoopa. Frost plans to take off some days during last week in July, some days in August, then the last two weeks in October. He reminded O'Sullivan, Owens and Rourke of pending expiration of their terms and that August 10 is deadline for letters of intent. Regular August board meeting is slated for August 27 in Hayfork at Roderick Senior Center. September board meeting will held at Bar 717 Ranch in Hyampom on September 17 during Environmental Camp and will include the local Speak-Off contest. UC Cooperative Extension will have several workshops on Forestry Management, including one here on roads on September 13. Workshops will be webcast from Shasta College in Redding and available via Wi-Fi at Young Family Ranch.

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165.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

O'Sullivan reported she is working on organizing CARCD Forestry Committee meeting and tour here August 14-15 with Alex Cousins taking the lead on the field tour. Rourke reported there may be no Trinity County Fair this year, since fairgrounds are serving as a headquarters for fire-suppression activities. None.

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176.0 Closed Session

None.

MSC Owens/Truman to move out of closed session at 7:24 PM. O'Sullivan reports on Closed Session. The Board determined that Frost's performance meets their expectations and has authorized a raise to Step 8.

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18.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 following tour of Young Family Ranch.7:28

PM Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Roderick Senior Center
5:30 PM
90 Corral Ave. #A
Hayfork, CA

Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
August 27, 2008

- 1.0 Call to Order O'Sullivan 5:30 PM
- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda
- 3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes July 16, 2008
- 4.0 Financial Report
- 4.1 Discuss Monthly Statement and Spreadsheet
- 4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for July 2008
- 4.3 Discuss and/or Take Action on Allocation of Funds from the Emergency Equipment Rental Program.
- 5.0 Projects Report
- 6.0 NRCS Report
- 7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council Report
- 8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Committee Report
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- 11.0 Public Comment
- New Business**
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- 15.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Applications and Letters of Intent for Three Seats on District Board.
- Old Business**
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- 18.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
- 19.0 Adjourn

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TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

~~August 27~~~~May 13~~, 2008 * 5:30 PM

~~#3 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville~~~~Roderick Senior Center, Hayfork, CA~~

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Greg Lowden, ~~Rose Owens, Mike Rourke~~, Patrick Truman;

~~Rose Owens~~

Board Members Absent: ~~Mike Rourke~~

~~None~~

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Jason Smith, ~~Mark Dowdle~~

Other Agency Staff: ~~Tiffany Riess, Bruce Williams~~

~~None~~

Guests: ~~USFS District Ranger Donna Harmon, South Fork Management Unit, Shasta-Trinity N.F.~~ ~~None~~

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1.0 Call To Order: 5:30~~3~~ PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

~~Truman/Owens to approve agenda,~~

~~MSC - Lowden/Owens to approve agenda,~~

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes ~~July 16~~~~April 16, 2008~~

MSC - ~~Lowden/Owens~~~~Truman/Lowden~~ to ~~approve~~~~approve minutes of July 16, 2008 meeting.~~

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~~Bid Number 2: McDonald Earthworks: _____ \$81,900.00~~

~~e minutes of regular meeting April 16, 2008~~

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

Board reviewed financial statement. Smith reported ~~balance owing on District's line of credit has again been reduced significantly.~~

~~significant amount of receivables outstanding for July yet expects considerable payments in August. Fuel bill is up considerably. Larger payrolls than normal with District crews working on fires under contracts with USFS. Smith explained technical problems encountered in online processing of deferred compensation previous month and continued difficulty in current month. He noted all deposits have been made and confirmed. A 3% differential was compensated to those employee accounts to which deposits had not been not made in timely manner.~~

4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for ~~July~~~~April 2008~~

~~MSC - Truman/Rourke to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$104,151.16.~~

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4.3 Discuss and/or Take Action on Allocation of Funds from the Emergency Equipment Rental Program.

Smith presented a spreadsheet depicting costs and potential revenues from wildfire suppression support work conducted by District chipping crews. Frost explained details of chipper usage fees and revenues from such contracts. Rourke asked about allocation of repair and replacement costs for chipping equipment and Frost provided some options for board to consider.

MSC – Truman/Owens to postpone the matter pending further information.

MSC - Truman/Owens requested list of equipment in the amount of \$128,000.00

MSC - Truman/Owens requested 2008-2009 Budget from the Board

Smith and Frost provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Board

MSC - Truman/Owens to approve the District's 2008-2009 Budget in the amount of \$1,014,000.

16.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Shasta-Trinity National Forest Travel Management Planning and Recreation Planning Processes

Harmon explained this planning process pertained only to motorized travel and has been constrained by a set timeline in order to garner deferred maintenance funding. All rangers received and provided input and each had opportunity to review the resulting inventory of routes. Reviews

sought to preserve jeep trails, especially as firebreaks, and to not preclude hunter use nor eliminate fishing access. Facilities master planning looks at forest theme/focus, inventories and ranks all facilities on forest. Harmon explained Travel Management planning was not part of comprehensive, holistic-based approach; focus was water-based recreation. While recent route inventory did not include such a comprehensive look at South Fork Management Unit, Harmon said SFMU is willing to work with District on ideas over the long term and described some routing options and considerations. Harmon cited digital resources readily available to District. Frost noted SFMU area is most at risk of change and suggested Board charge Rourke and District staff to work with Harmon and other USFS staff. Harmon suggested District frame concerns about what it views as missing, or significantly remiss, in the Travel Management Plan in order to drive an alternative. Harmon agreed to meet with Rourke and staff in near future. Harmon responded to question about forest sites that could be targeted for emergency watershed protection work and cited Sulfur Glade Creek and Little Creek as two areas in need. She noted fire severity maps are now available.

5.0 Projects Report

Board reviewed written report. Frost reported work on the USFS East Weaver fuels reduction project would begin in fall 2008 and answered questions about grant applications and new projects. District will be advertising sale of firewood from WCF.

Answered questions

6.0 NRCS Report

None

Riess reported Jenna Brazil, the new soil conservationist for Weaverville office will start June 23 and Katie Tenneson will return again as an intern in early June. The current Farm Bill has again been extended. Proposals for a new Farm Bill would step up funding of conservation programs, with increased support for organic certification, EQIP, CRP and water quality programs.

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landowners along Highway 299 in vicinity of Scotch broom eradication project to explain effort and garner participation.

7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council

Williams explained lack of renewed Farm Bill currently leaves NRCS unable to renew funding Northwest California RC & D Council at end of this fiscal year. He reported the Council just received a \$20,000 grant forrom First Five for the Children's Garden and has a grant application in the the Risk Management Authority to do workshops for producers in the region. Truman reported there was nothing final yet on integration of the Five-Counties Salmonid Program under NWCRC&D, which is still pending approval by the Board of Supervisors. The Council meets in Eureka on September 10 but won't approve anything until the County does. Integration is complicated by many issues, including ongoing grants the County has, continuation of those grants and the allocation of costs. A line of credit also needs to be established for the Program. m is seeking to come under the auspices of the Council. It could be a beneficial arrangement for both parties by stabilizing the council and expanding its land management function under its existing strategic plan. Council board will hear proposal May 14.

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8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Report

O'Sullivan reported on meeting and tour of Forestry Committee of CARCD. Many foresters from throughout state were present. Several offered suggestions about doing more with silviculture and many were supportive for getting stewardship contract with USFS for proposed WCF expansion. One insight that was offered for expansion proposal is to conceptualize and negotiate it as an "interagency agreement" rather than a "sole-source contract." Frost noted there had been no progress with USFS due to focus on fire suppression activities.

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9.0 Trinity County Trails Report

Frost shared handbill on Whiskeytown event, report to connect with the Trail that will form a loop through the Community Forest. USFS is considering how best to proceed with reopening wilderness trails.

10.0 Facilities Committee Report

See item 13. Frost noted Summer Day Camp at Young Family Ranch cost less than budgeted, with surplus remaining in that account for future YFR program. Humboldt Area Foundation wants to use two photos from Day Camp for its annual report. An \$8,000 grant was applied or and received from the Child Abuse Prevention Program for series of workshops at YFR in collaboration with UCCE Nutrition Education Programs. A second UCCE forest management workshop is being webcast at YFR, precluding need to drive to Redding to attend in person.

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11.0 Public Comment

None.

12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Director Travel to NACD Pacific Region Meeting in Aptos, CA

MSC - Truman/Owens to approve Director travel to NACD meeting.

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12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Annual Report
Frost shared Natures Domain and other staff for mark on annual report.
MSC - Truman/Owens to approve annual report.

13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on California Special Districts Association Election of Representative for Region 1, Seat C.

Memorandum of Understanding with Young Family Ranch, Inc.

Board reviewed Memorandum of Understanding and Work Plan. Frost answered questions from board and explained proposed arrangement, structure of MOU, and details of funding, Work Plan and third party use agreements. He noted District and YFR, Inc. will each provide reciprocal liability insurance coverage. All third party users must sign agreements spelling out how their activities on the property will benefit community of Weaverville. University of California Cooperative Extension Nutrition Program will rent two rooms for offices through a proposed agreement between UCC Extension and the District, as manager of the property. Members of 4-H will have animal projects at site and must agree to provide community benefit in exchange. UCCE will provide nutrition education presentations and workshops. Frost explained YFR will provide some funding for District program at The Ranch to benefit the community, including 2008 Summer Day Camp. He cited immediate and longer term capital needs, including an ADA compliant restroom and electrical upgrades.

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MSC - Lowden/Truman/Owens to approve Memorandum of Understanding, including initial Work Plan for May 15 to October 31, 2008. n to vote for Phil Schaefer for Seat C.

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14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Proposed Changes to District Policies Regarding Job Titles

MSC - Truman/Lowden to authorize District Manager to clean up titles in various District policies to reflect changes Board made in past year.

154.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Applications and Letters of Intent for Three Seats on District Board/District Manager's Report

Frost reported the District honored its personnel on May 1 for 24 consecutive accident free months by providing lunch and an afternoon of bowling. The North Coast Area CARCD spring meeting in Weaverville went very well and was well attended. The fall meeting will be hosted by Goldridge RCD October 10 in Occidental and the spring 2009 meeting will be in Hoopa.

MSC - Truman/Lowden to accept letters of interest and submit them to the Trinity County Board of Supervisors.

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15.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

None, 7.0 District Manager's Report

Frost noted current construction delays on Hyampom Road may impede Director travel to next Board meeting slated for September 17 at Bar 717 Ranch during Environmental Camp. Meeting date changed to September 24. Frost reported on TPUD meeting regarding use of biomass for electrical generation and noted water may be a limitation.

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186.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

Lowden reported on attending Envirothon in Flagstaff. California team won the aquatics station and took 9th place overall. Each of its team members received an \$1100. scholarship. Rourke reported the Junior Livestock Auction went very well. He also noted USFS had poor communication with forest users during recent fires.

MSC Owens/Truman to move out of closed session at 7:24 PM.
O'Sullivan reports on Closed Session. The Board determined that Frost's performance meets their expectations and has authorized a raise to Step 8.

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19.0 Adjourn

~~Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. 7:28 PM Adjourn~~

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RCD Office

5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
Weaverville, CA

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

September 24, 2008

- 1.0 Call to Order O'Sullivan 5:30 PM
- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda
- 3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes August 27, 2008
- 4.0 Financial Report
- 4.1 Discuss Monthly Statement and Spreadsheet
- 4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for August 2008
- 5.0 Projects Report
- 6.0 NRCS Report
- 7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council Report
- 8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Committee Report
- 9.0 Trinity County Trails Report
- 10.0 Facilities Committee Report
- 11.0 Public Comment

Old Business

- 12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Allocation of Revenues from Emergency Equipment Rental with USFS

New Business

- 13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Selection of District Delegate to CARCD Annual Meeting
- 14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Director Travel to CARCD Annual Meeting in Riverside, CA
- 15.0 Discuss District Policy Regarding "Cap" on Paid Leave Time
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TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 24May 13, 2008 * 5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane, WeavervilleRoderick Senior Center, Hayfork, CA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Greg Lowden, Rose Owens, Mike Rourke, Patrick Truman;

Rose Owens

Board Members Absent: Mike Rourke

None

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Jason Smith, Mark Dowdle

Other Agency Staff: Tiffany Riess, Bruce Williams

Tiffany Riess, Bruce Williams

Guests: None

None

1.0 Call To Order: 5:32~~3~~ PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

Truman/Lowden to approve agenda with two modifications; Item 12 to be heard with Item 4; the addition of Item 17, Director Travel to Attend October 10, 2008 North Coast Area -CARCD Regional Meeting, to be heard as an emergency item,

MSC - Lowden/Owens to approve agenda,

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes August 27April 16, 2008

MSC - Rourke/LowdenTruman/Lowden to approveapprove minutes of August 27, 2008 meeting.

Bids from only those two bidders were opened.

Bid Number 1: Deneau Company: _____ \$91,300.00

Bid Number 2: McDonald Earthworks: _____ \$81,900.00

e minutes of regular meeting April 16, 2008

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

Board reviewed financial statement. Smith reported increased accounting activity and larger payroll due to seasonal start-up of large projects and employee involvement in contract fire suppression balance owing on District's line of credit has again been reduced significantly.

4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for AugustApril 2008

MSC - Truman/Lowden to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$151,031.16.

MSC - Truman/Owens to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$151,031.16

Truman and Lowden to review the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget

Smith and Lowden provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Board

MSC - Truman/Lowden to approve the District's 2008-2009 Budget in the amount of \$1,814,844.

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12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Allocation of Revenues from Emergency Equipment Rental with USFS

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Smith and Frost presented financial analysis of USFS-contracted fire suppression support by District crews and possible options for revenue allocation. Proposals included designing a multi-year plan to fund repair and replacement of rolling stock; placing a percentage of revenues into the District's Conservation Fund; and, for the near-term, place revenues in secure, interest-bearing account and/or instrument with an institution familiar to the District.

MSC – Truman/Owens to place revenues in secure interest-bearing account or instrument with institution familiar to the District and Board will review options in three months.

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5.0 Projects Report

Board reviewed written report. Frost reported work on the USFS East Weaver fuels reduction project would begin in fall 2008 and answered questions about grant applications and new projects. District will be advertising sale of firewood from WCF.

Answered questions

Rourke noted the need to encourage USFS to return to the South Fork for additional rehabilitation work. Frost reported District had received two agreements in the previous week extending existing contracts with USFS. O'Sullivan inquired about progress of Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for statewide Vegetation Management. Frost reported CalFire suppression work had stalled certain aspects of the project but public draft may be released in early December.

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6.0 NRCS Report

Riess reported visits have been made to all nine properties where owners requested Emergency Watershed Protection funds; none appear to qualify under that program, since its coverage is not retroactive. It funds only forward-looking protective work. Riess reported there may be a second allocation made for the EQIP program and explained program changes under the new Farm Bill.

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7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council

Williams reported he will be retiring at end of year. He stated the Council has many projects in the works and is prepped to grow. Williams explained lack of renewed Farm Bill currently leaves NRCS unable to renew funding Northwest California RC & D Council at end of this fiscal year. He reported the Council just received a \$20,000 grant from First Five for the Children's Garden and has a grant application in the the Risk Management Authority to do workshops for producers in the region. An MOA with Trinity County regarding Five-Counties Salmonid Program under NWCRC&D Council has been signed and another prepared. The Council's next teleconference meeting is October 3 and may be when the Council approves the MOUs and MOAs to integrate the program. The Council is now working to develop a line of credit, is seeking to come under the auspices of the Council. It could be a beneficial arrangement for both parties by

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stabilizing the council and expanding its land management function under its existing strategic plan. Council board will hear proposal May 14.

8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Report

Frost reported he had just learned Rep. Hergert is expected for a tour of WCF October 6. Staff will work with BLM Forester Herzog to plan details.

9.0 Trinity County Trails Report

FWSP member Erica Spohn has laid out a new trail in WCF that will connect with the West Weaver Creek Trail. The draft NEPA has already been done. A tree planting in memory of Les Daye is planned.

Frost reported to connect with the Trail that will form a loop through the Community Forest USFS is considering how best to proceed with reopening wilderness trails.

10.0 Facilities Committee Report

See item 13. None.

11.0 Public Comment

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MSC - Truman/Owens to approve Memorandum of Understanding, including initial Work Plan for May 15 to October 31, 2008. Owens/Lowden to make Truman delegate and O'Sullivan the alternate.

14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Director Travel to CARCD Annual Meeting in Riverside, CA

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15.4.0 Discuss District Policy Regarding "Cap" on Paid Leave Timetric Manager's Report

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hosted by ~~Goldridge RCD October 10 in Occidental and the spring 2009 meeting will be in Hoopa.~~

~~Truman said question arose during RC& D Council meeting with Five Counties Salmonid Program and discussion about potential unfunded liability for paid leave time at termination of employment. Frost explained District has one combined leave for employees with no distinction between accrued sick or vacation leave. District would have to separate these in order to impose caps and it would be difficult to extricate and allocate accrued leave at this point. Staff will investigate and report back; it may take considerable time to explore how to accomplish any transition.~~

~~15.0 Board Reports/Correspondence~~

~~None. 6.0 District Manager's Report~~

~~Frost noted the Forest Roads workshop put on by UCCE was well attended with compliments received for John Condon and excellent tour of projects. Richard Harris of UC wants to do similar workshop in Mariposa in November based on the success of this one.~~

~~17.0 Discuss and Approve Director Travel to North Coast Area CARCD Meeting, Occidental, CA~~

~~MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve Director travel to CARCD Area meeting October 10.~~

~~186.0 Board Reports/Correspondence~~

~~Truman reported NACD regional meeting in Aptos was productive. Rourke reported on meeting with Brenda Tracy of USFS regarding Transportation Management Planning Project and said he learned many hundreds of miles of numbered USFS roads in Shasta-Trinity NF are unofficially categorized as "unauthorized." The project will formally designate these routes as unauthorized. He noted "Improved" facilities are not depicted on the Travel Management Planning maps. Without such concurrent references it is not possible~~

~~MSC – Owens/Truman to move out of closed session at 7:24 PM.
O'Sullivan reports on Closed Session. The Board determined that Frost's performance meets their expectations and has authorized a raise to Step 8, to accurately assess impacts to these facilities under the Travel Management Planning project. Rourke explained S-T NF planning for road closures lacks any coordination with Six River NF Travel Management Planning, a serious flaw causing severe negative impacts to recreation and forest access. He said the project is being pushed through to meet an incentivized deadline.~~

~~19.0 Adjourn~~

~~Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. 7:28 PM Adjourn~~

~~Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.~~

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RCD Office

5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
Weaverville, CA

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

October 15, 2008

- 1.0 Call to Order O'Sullivan 5:30 PM
- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda
- 3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes September 24, 2008
- 4.0 Financial Report
- 4.1 Discuss Monthly Statement and Spreadsheet
- 4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for September 2008
- 4.3 Discuss and Approve Second Quarter 2008-2009 Budget Revision
- 5.0 Projects Report
- 6.0 NRCS Report
- 7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council Report
- 8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Committee Report
- 8.1 PowerPoint Presentation/Video – 2008 Small Diameter Project Implementation
- 9.0 Trinity County Trails Report
- 10.0 Facilities Committee Report
- 11.0 Public Comment

Old Business

None

New Business

- 13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Election Ballot to Select Special District Representative to Trinity LAFCO
- 14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on CARCD Resolutions for 2008 Annual Meeting
- 15.0 District Manager's Report
- 16.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
- 17.0 Adjourn

Items may be taken out of order to accommodate special circumstances. Additions to the Agenda in accordance with Section 54954.2 (b)(2) of the Government Code (Brown Act), two-thirds vote required for action items. (Upon determination by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, unanimous vote of those members present, that the need to take action arose after agenda was posted.)

TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

~~October 15~~May 13, 2008 * 5:30 PM

~~#3 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville CA~~

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MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Greg Lowden, ~~Rose Owens, Mike Rourke~~, Patrick Truman;
~~Rose Owens~~

Board Members Absent: ~~Mike Rourke~~

~~None~~

Associate Board Members Present: None

RCD Staff: ~~Alex Cousins~~, Pat Frost, Jason Smith, ~~Mark Dowdle~~

Other Agency Staff: ~~Tiffany Riess, Bruce Williams~~

~~Tiffany Riess~~

Guests: ~~Joan Carr~~

~~None~~

1.0 Call To Order: 5:30~~3~~ PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

~~Truman/Lowden to approve agenda with elimination of Item 14, and noting there was no Item 12 on prepared agenda.~~

~~MSC – Lowden/Owens to approve agenda.~~

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes ~~September 24~~April 16, 2008

MSC – ~~Rourke/Lowden Truman/Lowden~~ to ~~approve~~approve minutes of September 24, 2008 meeting.

~~Bids from only those two bidders were opened.~~

~~Bid Number 1- Deneau Company: \$91,300.00~~

~~Bid Number 2- McDonald Earthworks: \$81,900.00~~

~~e minutes of regular meeting April 16, 2008~~

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

Board reviewed financial statement. ~~Frost and Smith answered questions. # t. Smith reported balance owing on District's line of credit has again been reduced significantly.~~

4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for ~~August~~April 2008

~~MSC – Truman/Owens to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$155,658.04.~~

~~4.3 Discuss and Approve Second Quarter 2008-2009 Budget Revision~~

~~Frost and Smith explained proposed revisions to budget for next quarter, citing new grants that increase proposed budget total by approximately \$450,000~~

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MSC – Truman/Rourke to approve Second Quarter 2008-2009 Budget Revision to an amount of \$2,364,647.

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5.0 Projects Report

Board reviewed written report. ~~Frost reported work on the USFS East Weaver fuels reduction project would begin in fall 2008 and answered questions about grant applications and new projects. District will be advertising sale of firewood from WCF.~~

~~T Cousins answered questions. Frost complimented Cousins on turnout at Coffee Creek workshop.~~

6.0 NRCS Report

~~Rieiss reported on funding allocations under new Farm Bill and noted there are presently 12 new landowners signed up for conservation planning. Trinity Center landowners requested meeting in Lewiston the coming weekend. TRRP has requested help with revegetation and is attempting to line up training for partners. NRCS is requiring its offices to ensure implementation deadlines are met. Rieiss discussed Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative and Agricultural Water Enhancement Program.~~

~~Reiess reported Jenna Brazil, the new soil conservationist for Weaverville office will start June 23 and Katie Tenneson will return again as an intern in early June. The current Farm Bill has again been extended. Proposals for a new Farm Bill would step up funding of conservation programs, with increased support for organic certification, EQIP, CRP and water quality programs.~~

~~Rieiss reported 31 applicants for conservation planning on 2,605 acres. The Day in the Wetlands environmental education event for fourth graders went well. Letters are going out to landowners along Highway 299 in vicinity of Scotch broom eradication project to explain effort and garner participation.~~

7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council

~~Truman reported the Council met via teleconference October 3 and approved all master agreements for integrating the Five Counties Salmonid Program. Final transition is contingent upon Council securing line of credit. Williams explained lack of renewed Farm Bill currently leaves NRCS unable to renew funding Northwest California RC & D Council at end of this fiscal year. He reported the Council just received a \$20,000 grant forrom First Five for the Children's Garden and has a grant application in the the Risk Management Authority to do workshops for producers in the region. The Five Counties Salmonid Program is seeking to come under the auspices of the Council. It could be a beneficial arrangement for both parties by stabilizing the council and expanding its land management function under its existing strategic plan. Council board will hear proposal May 14.~~

8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Report

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Cousins described tour of WCF with Rep. Herger October 6; reported congressman impressed with accomplishments and potential of WCF. Frost reported meeting with USFS about expansion of WCF is set for November 4. O'Sullivan reported meeting with new USFS Ranger Lance Koch and updating him on WCF.

8.1 PowerPoint/Video Presentation on 2008 Small Diameter Project Implementation Cousins shared PowerPoint and video productions showing efficient harvesting procedures in WCF and progress of pole pavilion construction using small-diameter timber in Lee Fong Park. Cousins extended invitation to Rourke to bring forestry and agricultural students to WCF to observe work.

Frost reported GAD staff visit to area April 17 next day will. Their report may affect future reclassification. Community meeting April 20 was also very productive. Truman noted Chamber of Commerce soon later contained positive comments about WCF Plant Program.

9.0 Trinity County Trails Report

Frost reported to connect with the Trail that will form a loop through the Community Forest USFS is considering how best to proceed with reopening wilderness trails.

None.

10.0 Facilities Committee Report

See item 13-None.

11.0 Public Comment

None.

11.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Annual Report
Frost thanked Noreen Deery and other staff for work on annual report.
MSC - Truman/Owens to approve annual report.

13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Election Ballot to Select Special District Representative to Trinity LAFCO

Memorandum of Understanding with Young Family Ranch, Inc.

Board reviewed Memorandum of Understanding and Work Plan. Frost answered questions from board and explained proposed arrangement, structure of MOU, and details of funding, Work Plan and third party use agreements. He noted District and YFR, Inc. will each provide reciprocal liability insurance coverage. All third party users must sign agreements spelling out how their activities on the property will benefit community of Weaverville. University of California Cooperative Extension Nutrition Program will rent two rooms for offices through a proposed agreement between UCC Extension and the District, as manager of the property. Members of 4-H will have animal projects at site and must agree to provide community benefit in exchange. UCCE will provide nutrition education presentations and workshops. Frost explained YFR will provide some funding for District program at The Ranch to benefit the community, including 2008 Summer Day Camp. He cited immediate and longer term capital needs, including an ADA compliant restroom and electrical upgrades.

MSC - Truman/Owens to approve Memorandum of Understanding, including initial Work Plan for May 15 to October 31, 2008. Truman/Rourke to rank Bill Britton in first position of preference. MSC - Rourke/Lowden to rank Lyle Hymas in second position of preference, with Bob Mordecai in third position of preference by default.

14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on -CARCD Resolutions for 2008 Annual Meeting

None.

14.0 District Manager's Report
Frost reported the District board is presented on May 1 for 21 consecutive and last five months. By providing lunch and an afternoon of bowling The North Coast Area - CARCD spring meeting is necessary and we will attend. The full meeting will be hosted by...
GAD/Lee RCD October 10 in October and the spring 2009 meeting will be in May.

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15.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

5.0 District Manager's Report

~~_____~~ Frost reported Trinity County Board of Supervisors approved TCRCO director reappointments on ~~_____~~ consent agenda and congratulated Directors Rourke, O'Sullivan and Owens. He stated the Salmon Festival was a great success and ~~specifically wntes to thank~~ thanked Mark Dowdle, Erica Spohn and the Watershed Stewards Project members for thate success. Frost will be leaving for a cross-country trip October 20-25. The next board meeting ~~_____~~ will be November 12 to accommodate Board ~~trave~~travel to the CARCD Annual meeting.

16.0 Board Reports

~~_____~~ Truman reported the annual RC & D Councils meeting will be held in Riverside concurrent ~~to-with~~ the annual CARCD meeting. The Speak-Off contest will be held Friday during those meetings. Truman and Lowden went to North Coast CARCD meeting in Occidental. Rourke reported taking his students to Forestry Challenge, similar to Envirothon, and they came in second of 29 teams. Lowden reported the 2009 Envirothon competition will be April 29 - May 1 in Scotts Valley.

16.0

~~MSC Owens/Truman to move out of closed session at 7:24 PM.
O'Sullivan reports on Closed Session. The Board determined that Frost's performance meets their expectations and has authorized a raise to Step 8.~~

17.0 Adjourn

~~_____~~ Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. ~~7:28 PM~~Adjourn

~~_____~~ Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. ~~_____~~

RCD Office

5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
Weaverville, CA

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

November 12, 2008

- 1.0 Call to Order O'Sullivan 5:30 PM
- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda
- 3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes October 15, 2008
- 4.0 Financial Report
- 4.1 Discuss Monthly Statement and Spreadsheet
- 4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for October 2008
- 5.0 Projects Report
- 6.0 NRCS Report
- 7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council Report
- 8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Committee Report
- 9.0 Trinity County Trails Report
- 10.0 Facilities Committee Report
- 11.0 Public Comment

Old Business

- 12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on CARCD Resolutions for 2008 Annual Meeting

New Business

- 13.0 Oath by reappointed Directors O'Sullivan, Owens and Rourke
- 14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Director Travel to NACD Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 1-4, 2009
- 15.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on 2009 NACD Membership
- 16.0 District Manager's Report
- 17.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
- 18.0 Adjourn

Items may be taken out of order to accommodate special circumstances. Additions to the Agenda in accordance with Section 54954.2 (b)(2) of the Government Code (Brown Act), two-thirds vote required for action items. (Upon determination by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, unanimous vote of those members present, that the need to take action arose after agenda was posted.)

TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

~~November 12~~~~May 13~~, 2008 * 5:30 PM

~~#3 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville CA~~

~~#3 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville, CA~~

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Colleen O'Sullivan, Greg Lowden, ~~Patrick Truman;~~

~~Rose Owens~~

Board Members Absent: ~~Rose Owens, Mike Rourke~~~~Mike Rourke~~

~~None~~

Associate Board Members Present: ~~none~~~~Rose Owens, Mike Rourke~~~~None~~

RCD Staff: Pat Frost, Jason Smith, ~~Mark Dowdle~~

Other Agency Staff: ~~Tiffany Riess, Bruce Williams~~

~~Tiffany Riess~~

Guests: ~~Joan Carr~~~~none~~

~~None~~

1.0 Call To Order: 5:30~~3~~ PM

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

~~Truman/Lowden to approve agenda with elimination of Item 14, and noting there was no Item 12 on prepared agenda.~~

~~MSC – Lowden/Owens to approve agenda.~~

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes ~~September 24~~~~April 16~~, 2008

MSC – ~~Truman/Lowden~~~~Truman/Lowden~~ to ~~approve~~~~approve~~ minutes of October 15, 2008 meeting.

~~Bids from only those two bidders were opened.~~

~~Bid Number 1: Deneau Company: \$91,300.00~~

~~Bid Number 2: McDonald Earthworks: \$81,900.00~~

~~e minutes of regular meeting April 16, 2008~~

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Monthly Financial Statement and Spreadsheet

~~Board reviewed financial statement. ~~Smith reported cash flow is good. October was a big month for payables, with large projects and three pay periods. Fuel charges were significant. Smith reported balance owing on District's line of credit has again been reduced significantly.~~~~

4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for ~~October~~~~April~~ 2008

~~MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$154,776.88.~~

~~MSC – Truman/Owens to approve list of warrants in the amount of \$75,600.00~~

~~Director and the Public Utility on 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget~~

~~Smith and Lowden presented the proposed budget and requested operations from the Board.~~

~~MSC – Truman/Owens to approve the District's 2008-2009 Budget in the amount of \$1,000,000.~~

MINUTES OF ~~NOVEMBER 12~~~~MAY 13~~, 2008

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5.0 Projects Report

Board reviewed written report. Frost reported participative momentum of landowners is building for NRCS in Lewiston/Coffee Creek area. Lowden inquired if the new Weaverville campus of Shasta College might like to receive one of the picnic tables built by Trinity River Conservation Camp crews. Frost noted a successful open house at Young Family- Ranch and thanked Rourke and his students in Future Farmers of America for their involvement.
Frost reported work on the USFS East Weaver fuels reduction project would begin in fall 2008 and answered questions about grant applications and new projects. District will be advertising sale of firewood from WCF.
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6.0 NRCS Report

Riess reported she will be unable to attend CARCD annual meeting due to jury duty and no one from her office will be attending. Riess proposed developing an agreement between TCRC, TRRP and NRCS to have Randi Paris do pre-monitoring of revegetation projects related to Trinity River restoration. The present situation could be made more coherent with one person looking at all the different projects.

Riess said a presentation to landowners in Trinity Center went very well. A similar meeting in Coffee Creek stimulated discussion and word-of-mouth helped attendance at Trinity Center. She thanked John Condon and the District for having native grass seed on hand to accommodate landowner requests. Riess discussed issues of revegetation and invasive plant eradication at the Weaver Basin Wetlands and said there is interest in applying prescribed herbivory at the wetlands through use of goats.

ie Riess reported Jenna Brazil, the new soil conservationist for Weaverville office will start June 23 and Katie Tenneson will return again as an intern in early June. The current Farm Bill has again been extended. Proposals for a new Farm Bill would step up funding of conservation programs, with increased support for organic certification, EQIP, CRP and water quality programs.

Riess reported 31 applicants for conservation planning on 2,605 acres. The Day in the Wetlands environmental education event for fourth graders went well. Letters are going out to landowners along Highway 299 in vicinity of Scotch broom eradication project to explain effort and garner participation.

7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council

Truman reported Council met this date and approved Council's Plan of Operation for 2009. Discussions continue related to obtaining a line of credit for the 5-C program.

With the expiration of current Farm Bill, several have NRCS unable to secure funding. Northwest CA RC&D Council is end of this fiscal year. He reported the Council has established a \$20,000 grant program. First time for the children. Considered how grant application to the local Management Authority for the wetlands for purchase in the region. This has been considered. Additional program is available to some under the program of the Council. It would be beneficial arrangement for both parties by utilizing the council and expanding its land management function under its existing strategic plan. Council board will have proposal May 14.

8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Report

O'Sullivan reported USFS contends it cannot sole-source, so the WCF committee has been preparing a stewardship agreement to accommodate proposed expansion. Frost reported Doc Ritter

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and Walter Herzog of BLM have been looking at Phase II of the WCF with John Condon and Alex Cousins.

Frost reported GAO staff visit to area April 17 and say well. Their report may affect future reclassification. Community meeting April 20 regarding very productive. Truman and Owens of Committee on letter contained positive comments about WCF Phase I project.

9.0 Trinity County Trails Report

Frost reported to connect with the Trail that will form a loop through the Community Forest USFS is considering how best to proceed with reopening wilderness trails.

Frost explained the individual service project being planned by Watershed Stewards Project member Erica Spohn as part of her service with the District will entail trail restoration work beginning at East Weaver Campground with the help of volunteers.

10.0 Facilities Committee Report

See item 13. Frost reported on tour of old CDF facilities which appear to be smaller than present location.

11.0 Public Comment

None.

12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Annual Report
Frost thanked Norace/Doyan and other staff for work on annual report.
MSC - Truman/Owens to approve annual report.

12.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on CARCD Resolutions for 2008 Annual Meeting

Memorandum of Understanding with Young Family Ranch, Inc.

Board reviewed Memorandum of Understanding and Work Plan. Frost answered questions from board and explained proposed arrangement, structure of MOU, and details of funding, Work Plan and third party use agreements. He noted District and YFR, Inc. will each provide reciprocal liability insurance coverage. All third party users must sign agreements spelling out how their activities on the property will benefit community of Weaverville. University of California Cooperative Extension Nutrition Program will rent two rooms for offices through a proposed agreement between UCC Extension and the District, as manager of the property. Members of 4-H will have animal projects at site and must agree to provide community benefit in exchange. UCCE will provide nutrition education presentations and workshops. Frost explained YFR will provide some funding for District program at The Ranch to benefit the community, including 2008 Summer Day Camp. He cited immediate and longer term capital needs, including an ADA compliant restroom and electrical upgrades.

MSC - Truman/Owens to approve Memorandum of Understanding, including initial Work Plan for May 15 to October 31, 2008. Truman/Lowden to approve Resolutions 2008-001c, 2008-002c, 2008-003c, 2008-004c, 2008-005c, 2008-007c, and 2007-008c.

MSC - Lowden/Truman to defer any vote for or against Resolution 2008-006c to discretion of District's delegate to CARCD annual meeting.

13.0 Oath by Reappointed Directors O'Sullivan, Owens and Rourke

Oath administered to Director O'Sullivan

14.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Director Travel to NACD Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 1-4, 2009.

Board discussed issue on. O'Sullivan asked that Board members look for funds from CARCD and California A Envirothon to help support travel.

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MSC – Truman/Lowden/Truman to approve Director Travel to NACD Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 1-4, 2009.

~~14.0 District Manager's Report~~

~~Discussed the District Board's presentation on May 2 for 2009 membership and the results of providing back and an addition of having The North Coast Area - CARCD spring meeting in Truman's territory and how well attended. The fall meeting will be held by Carlsbad NCD October 10 in Carlsbad and the spring 2009 meeting will be in Mariposa.~~

15.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

~~None.~~ **5.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on 2009 NACD Membership**

MSC – Truman/Lowden to approve 2009 NACD Membership at the \$775.00 level.

16.0 District Manager's Report

~~Frost reported on projects and upcoming events. Reminded the Board about staff Holiday breakfast on December 15 at 0830 at Weaverville Fire Hall.~~

~~and specifically wanted to thank Mark Dowdle, Erica Spohn and the Watershed Stewards members for the success October 20-25 to accommodate Board travel to the CARCD Annual meeting.~~

16.1 Consider Placing an Immediate Action Item on the Agenda under Provision of the Brown Act (§54954.2(b)(2)) to Discuss and/or Take Action Making December 26, 2008 and January 2, 2009 special paid leave days for District personnel.

MSC – Truman/Lowden to make a finding that need to consider declaring December 26, 2008 and January 2, 2009 special paid leave days for District personnel came to the board's attention after agenda was posted and should be heard as an immediate action item prior to Board's next regular meeting.

16.2 Discuss and/or Take Action Making December 26, 2008 and January 2, 2009 special paid leave days for District personnel.

Board discussed issue. Staff have worked especially hard this year and these two one-time days of leave are a way to thank them for their great work.

MSC – Truman/Lowden to make December 26, 2008 and January 2, 2009 special paid leave days for District personnel.

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17.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

Truman reported CARCD and RC&D projects with

Lowden reported the 2009 Envirothon competition will be April 29 - May 1 in Scotts Valley.

~~16.0~~

~~MSC – Owens/Truman to move out of closed session at 7:24 PM.~~

TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

~~O'Sullivan reports on Closed Session. The Board determined that Frost's performance meets their expectations and has authorized a raise to Step 8.~~

18.0 Adjourn

~~Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.~~

~~7:28 PM Adjourn~~

~~Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.~~

RCD Office

5:30 PM

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
Weaverville, CA

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

December 17, 2008

- 1.0 Call to Order O'Sullivan 5:30 PM
- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda
- 3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2008
- 4.0 Financial Report
- 4.1 Discuss Monthly Statement and Spreadsheet
- 4.2 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for November 2008
- 5.0 Projects Report
- 6.0 NRCS Report
- 7.0 Northwest CA RC&D Council Report
- 8.0 Community Forest/Stewardship Committee Report
- 9.0 Trinity County Trails Report
- 10.0 Facilities Committee Report
- 11.0 Public Comment

Old Business

- 12.0 Oath by Reappointed Directors Owens and Rourke

New Business

- 13.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Stewardship Agreement with United States Forest Service for Expansion of Weaverville Community Forest.
- 14.0 Election of Board Officers
- 15.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Designation of District Representatives for Financial Instruments at North Valley Bank
- 16.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on 2007-2008 Annual Audit Report
- 17.0 District Manager's Report
- 18.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
- 19.0 Adjourn

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SPECIAL

RCD Office
2:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

#3 Horseshoe Lane,
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December 23, 2008

- 1.0 Call To Order O'Sullivan 2:00 PM

- 2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

- 3.0 Public Comment

- 4.0 Discuss and/or Take Action on Stewardship Agreement with United States Forest Service for Expansion of Weaverville Community Forest.

- 5.0 Adjourn

Items may be taken out of order to accommodate special circumstances. Additions to the Agenda in accordance with Section 54954.2 (b)(2) of the Government Code (Brown Act), two-thirds vote required for action items. (Upon determination by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, unanimous vote of those members present, that the need to take action arose after agenda was posted.)