

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2025 – 7:00 P.M. IN PERSON OR TELECONFERENCE

Our Mission: *Identify conservation and watershed enhancement needs and offer assistance to landowners and resource managers to meet those needs through technical, financial and educational leadership.*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- Establish Quorum – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board Members Present: Barry Brown, Caroline Luiz, Jeff Maddox; Board Members Absent: Peter Garaventa; Staff Members Present: Tamara Braden, Evan Senf.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call and Introductions
- Agenda Adjustments & Approval – Move Item A to next meeting
- Open Forum – None

2. OPEN SESSION BUSINESS: (DISCUSSION AND ACTION)

- Review and approve Minutes from meeting on 4/11/24 and 1/8/25, 2/13/25, 3/13/25 – These minutes will be presented at future meeting.

B. Financial Report & Payment of Bills –District Bookkeeper

- Financial Report
- Monthly Reconciliation of the Mechanics Bank Account
- Warrants for Approval
- Journal Voucher for Approval

Tamara Braden presented a comprehensive financial report, including a review of the Cal Trout account status, payroll tax arrears, and a breakdown of expenses for the Farm Bureau Dinner table. Jeff Maddox motioned to approve the Financial Report, Monthly Reconciliation of the Mechanic's Bank account, Warrants and Journal Voucher. Barry Brown seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-1-1

C. Discuss / approve division of expenses for table at Annual Farm Bureau Dinner - Caroline Luiz and Tamara Braden each donated \$100.00 toward the cost of supplies for the table. Jeff Maddox donated another \$500.00 to be used to purchase materials for the RCD to continue to make promotional merchandise, as the cups and hats made by Christina Giertz for the Farm Bureau table were a hit. Jeff Maddox motioned to approve the donations to cover the expenses for the table, seconded by Barry Brown. Vote: 3-0-1-1

D. Continuation of discussion / approval of Siskiyou RCD Long-Term Plan for 2025-2029 – Caroline Luiz suggested a few edits for Evan Senf to make. Evan Senf will continue to work on Long-Term Plan and revisit this topic at the next meeting.

E. Discuss / approve opening recruitment for new Field Tech or summer season – This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS - None

4. OLD BUSINESS UPDATES:

- Update on search for Auditor – There has been no progress on obtaining an auditor. Tamara Braden thinks she will have better odds of finding one after tax season ends. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting

- Update on status of Payroll Tax arrears / payments – The District is still waiting for a response from the IRS to the requests for abatement. Tamara Braden will make a \$5,000 payment towards the arrears from Q4 2023 as soon as possible.

5. REPORTS:

- Agencies - None
- Scott River Watershed Council - None
- Scott River Water Trust - None
- Projects – Staff – Evan Senf reported that he wrote a proposal for improvements at Shackleford confluence where the Quartz Valley and Meamber Bridges meet, which is mostly on Pam Hayden’s property. QVIR received funds for a project there, but they do not have landowner access. Sara Schafer (QVIR) reached out to inquire about collaborating with us, but Evan is hesitant due to differences in ideology and lack of landowner interest in collaboration with QVIR. Evan also reported that he has been in communication with Morgan and Dominic at CDFW and they have project ideas for us using our underwater cameras, such as studying the timing of the fish runs. The idea is that if we know better the timing of the runs, we can focus on areas more specifically. Evan is interested in monitoring to help be more specific on areas to improve. Evan informed the Board that the Chinook report is complete, and a proposal for the 2025 season has been written, which is expected to be +/- \$30,000. He still needs to request funding for the Coho season. Christina Giertz is making steps toward Project Coordinator tasks. Nathan Howington is doing very well and is a hard worker. Evan will discuss making promotional merchandise with Christina Giertz. Finally, Evan reported that Cal Trans has reached out to inquire about our interest in completing another revegetation project in Dunsmuir. Details to come at next meeting.
- Administration – District Manager - None
- Directors

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: May 8th, 2025

- County Budget development
- Long-Term Plan
- Recruitment for Field Tech position

7. ADJOURN – Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Tamara Braden, District Bookkeeper

No Corrections ____ Corrected by Insertions _____

Approved _____ Date _____
 Caroline Luiz, Board Chairman

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