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Laura Powell, Pete Carley, Susan Steuben

**Staff:**

Kandi Manhart, District Manager

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, May 18, 2009  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to Noon  
**Location:** Willows City Council Chambers  
201 North Lassen Street  
Willows, CA 95988

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Mike Yalow, Bruce Roundy, Mike Landini, Lorri Pride, and Jim Giachino.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Donnan Arbuckle.

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT:** None.

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**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim R. Davis, Senator Aanestad; Mark Spannagel, Assemblyman Nielsen; Lady Bug Doherty, Central Valley Flood Protection Board; Supervisor Steve Soeth, County of Glenn; Supervisor Gary Evans, County of Colusa; Bob Schneider and Vallerye Anderson, Touleyome; Ashley Indrieri, Family Water Alliance; Keith Carly, Glenn County Rangeland Association; Jamison Watts, Northern California Regional Land Trust; Glenn County – Holly Riemers, Martha Soeth, Claudia Street, Gary Soeth, Ed Owens, Liz Marks, Steve Marks, Torbin Nord, Bob Keegan and Hank Wallace; Colusa County – Sherry Langrock; Kandi Manhart, District Manager (additional unknowns).

**I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order by President Landini at 8:30 a.m. Introductions were waived.

## II. MINUTES

### A. Approve meeting minutes for April 20, 2009

President Landini entertained a motion. *Yalow moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 20, 2009 as presented. Giachino seconded. Approved unanimously.*

## III. DISTRICT REPORTS

### A. Directors and Associate-Directors

*Pride* – None.

*Yalow* – He reported that Patrick Truman, National Representative for California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) nominated him as Treasurer for CARCD; previous Treasurer, Nadine Scott, resigned. Yalow accepted nomination and the CARCD Board approved the nomination. Yalow has served as Treasurer in prior years. Regarding Kara Baker's waste disposal site project, they are moving forward and have had successful meetings with City of Chico and Butte County; they will be meeting with the City of Paradise, Northern Recycling and Waste Services to gain additional interest. The technology has been decided; they estimate it will take 125 employees to operate. Financing is secured as well.

*Roundy* – He reported the County Fair attendance was down; potentially due to the rise in cost to enter (+\$2.00) and current economy. He continues to work on the City of Orland's Centennial; their next big event will be held in September on Labor Day weekend. He would like to encourage the RCDs participation if available. Roundy attended the League of Cities Sacramento Valley Division meeting; he learned that the 8% increase in property tax is not expected to pass during the special elections. Therefore, that will impact Orland by as much as \$150,000 in revenue. CALPers lost approximately 30% of their share due to the bad economy. Lastly, he discussed the Save Your City Program campaign which could potentially change the constitution for the betterment of cities. He also added we are all in "quicksand" here; we strive to reach for the top but there is always something pulling us back down.

*Giachino* – None.

*President Landini* – He reported he attended the Farm Bureau meeting; they discussed their opposition of Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC), he was appointed as their State Taxation Committee Member, their next big fundraiser is the Golf Tournament on July 12 at Glenn, cost is \$80.00, and Senate Bill 1014 passed in February which is the Tire Inflation Bill. Kind of funny, but we will all have to obtain certification when we air up our tires now (i.e. at Les Schwab, etc.). The reasoning behind the bill is it addresses CO<sub>2</sub> issues and makes your tires last longer by 2,700 miles. He added the Farm Bureau only received two applications for their four High School Scholarships aimed towards graduating seniors; he encouraged the Education/Outreach Committee to discuss potential avenues in finding out why? Are students pursuing Ag, do they have time to fill out the applications, are they worth taking the time to fill out applications compared to the expense of college, etc. are all questions that could be researched. President Landini also noted he participated in the Glenn-Colusa Cattlemen's Field Day which was hosted by University California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) and Glenn County Ag Department; there was a great attendance rate.

### B. District Manager

Manhart reported off her written report. She added she has not received written notification to start any of the grants (DOC & DWR - Lower Stony Creek Watershed Project). She will discuss the Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc. Contribution Agreement in

more detail later on in the agenda; however, she added she has endlessly been working to obtain a three year time extension due to current circumstances, staff's reduced hours and lack of grant funding to implement on Lower Stony Creek. There were no questions.

#### **IV. FINANCES**

##### **A. Finance Committee Report**

###### **1. Update on current financial situation / financial reports**

Roundy provided the report. He stated we are in survival mode to continue serving our community. The Finance Committee met on Thursday, May 14 to discuss the items which will be discussed on the agenda. Manhart included the checking account balance as of May 14 was \$27,913.18, there is one receivable (besides the grant receivables in which there is no projected timeline of receipt - \$83,021.57) in the amount of \$1,903.20 from the Colusa Glenn Subwatershed Program, and there are three payables (besides the grant/contractor payables in which we may only disburse funds once we are reimbursed from the grant per agreement - \$24,168.20) in the amount of \$940.49, please see Cash Disbursement Journal for detail. Discussion occurred on potential fee for service opportunities; President Landini suggested facilitating director elections. Liability issues was raised as a concern.

###### **2. DRAFT FY 2009/2010 Budget for review**

Manhart presented the draft budgets for Administrative, Colusa Glenn Subwatershed Program, Private Grants, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Mitigation Program (Baldwin), and County of Glenn. She noted the Finance Committee felt it was appropriate to focus on current cash in the bank; therefore, Manhart would not have to spend a lot of time budgeting for funds they may never receive. They will draft budgets for grant funding as they get close to receiving the funds. Manhart inquired about placing funds under staff training in the Private Grants budget to follow-up on a discussion at the last meeting regarding fee for services; the Board seemed interested in the idea. She again reminded the Board these are still drafts and to please provide comments/suggestions to her or the Finance Committee as soon as possible. This item will be placed on the June agenda for approval.

###### **3. Policy No. 3037, Schedule of Fees review for possible update in June**

Manhart reported per the Annual Plan these shall be reviewed prior to July 1. She asked the Board to provide comments/suggestions to her or the Finance Committee as soon as possible. This item will be placed on the June agenda for approval if an update is requested.

##### **B. Authorization to submit budget request letter to the Glenn County Board of Supervisors**

Manhart reported it is appropriate for the RCD to submit a budget request letter each year; historically, the funding request has been for Workers Compensation and Liability expenses and/or financial booking services in which the County provided. Pride suggested focusing the letter on RCD's value to the community vs. the required audit. Discussion occurred on potential language. *Pride moved to authorize submission of a budget request letter to the Glenn County Board of Supervisors emphasizing RCD's value to the community, not two-year audit expense. Roundy seconded. Approved unanimously.*

##### **C. Update on time extension request for Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc. Contribution Agreement, expiration date May 22, 2009**

Manhart reported she has been working with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to obtain a three-year time extension. Reasons being: grant suspensions due to

bond freeze in December, reduced staff hours, and lack of Lower Stony Creek implementation funding to partner with the \$5,000 of implementation funding received from Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc. Manhart had talked to EPA's representative almost everyday when in the office since April, she tried to encourage the funding be spent to finish the Restoration Management Plan, and provided all information requested by EPA to support the request. She reported she hoped to hear from EPA by May 19, if not that day. [On May 18 in the PM, Manhart received written notification the three-year time extension was granted.]

**D. Approve monthly financial reports and expense claims list**

Manhart presented the bank statement as of April 30, 2009 and Cash Disbursements Journal dated April 21 to May 18, 2009. President Landini noted there are no Financial Reports from Bond Tax & Financial Services due to the agreement being suspended because of current financial situation. Manhart reported all activity may be seen on the bank statement. *Pride moved to approve the Cash Disbursements Journal dated April 21 to May 18, 2009 and bank statement ending on April 30, 2009. Roundy seconded. Approved unanimously.*

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Range & Natural Resources Camp Applicant Selected – Karissa Leonard, Orland High School**

Roundy reported he and Manhart performed interviews. He commended Leonard on her persistence in applying for life long learning opportunities. She will be a great applicant as she would like to pursue being an agriculture teacher. Pride noted the funds to sponsor her attendance were raised at the annual B-B-Q last August.

**B. Possible location change for Central Sacramento Valley RC&D Council**

Yalow noted the council has formed a sub-committee to research where to re-locate; one of the options is Willows USDA Service Center since there is existing place available, the other option is Butte County's USDA Service Center. He termed Willows as shovel ready, and Butte County as still needing to be built. He noted he wished Larry Akin, Program Coordinator, NRCS, Jim Kocsis, State Program Coordinator, NRCS and Rob Vlach, Glenn County's NRCS District Conservationist were there to add their input. However, he added that Jim Spear, Assistant State Conservationist for Operations – Area 1 implied Willows would be the most available at this time. Yalow discussed the potential space impact on the RCD, yet a potential fee for service opportunity since the council has no employees; possibly up to \$500.00 each month. Yalow discussed inventory and equipment of the council. Manhart inquired about timeline of the council's decision; Yalow replied their next meeting is in June and it will be discussed then. President Landini noted he is interested in seeing the council's decision and potential needs/expectations for services.

President Landini requested introductions due to an increase in attendance. Introductions were provided by those in attendance.

**VI. PARTNER REPORTS (limit 5 minutes, unless previously scheduled)**

*Supervisor Soeth* – He was glad to be there and looked forward to the remaining items on the agenda.

*Vlach* – Report provided by Manhart. She reported he apologized for not being able to attend the meeting; however, he needed to focus his time elsewhere that day.

Manhart distributed an opportunity through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP); the opportunity is for transferring to and increasing Organic production – deadline is May 29.

**VII. BREAK**

President Landini adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m. for a break. He re-adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m. to continue with the agenda items.

**VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**Proposed Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area**

**By Bob Schneider, President & Vallerye Anderson, Outreach Director/Campaign Coordinator, Tuleyome**

For more information visit [www.tuleyome.org](http://www.tuleyome.org)

**A. Discussion and possible action to support their efforts**

The presenters provided a PowerPoint presentation. In brief summary, they propose to designate an area of approximately 500,000 acres, between Lake Berryessa and Snow Mountain, a National Conservation Area (NCA). Sponsored by California Native Plant Society-Sacramento Valley Chapter, Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society, Defenders of Wildlife, California Wilderness Coalition, and Native Hispanic Environmental Council [according to brochure], their goals are 1) to protect the biological diversity of the region including natural processes, core habitats, and migratory corridors; 2) manage recreational opportunities consistent with that goal including new multi-use trails, water trails and improved trail maintenance, new campsites, signage, publications, and guided trips; and 3) improve sustainable economic opportunities for neighboring ranches and gateway communities from urban sprawl. They reported the area includes public lands, not private lands; public lands include Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and National Forest Service Lands. They are a make-up of wilderness areas, recreational areas, and wildlife areas. They estimated 10-15 public land management plans they would like to coordinate through this NCA. To name a few resource concerns they are looking at is climate change, serpentine soils, tule elk. Why are they doing this? Obtain funds to reward conservation easements and coordinated management for the region they said. Schneider included Chet Vogt sits on the Public Advisory Committee which helps guide their direction and obtains public/landowner involvement. Schneider may be reached by calling (530) 304-6215. A Questions and Answers period was provided. Below is a summary:

- They [Schneider and Anderson for the proposed NCA] work for Touleyome which is a non-profit
- They are working with a scientist at UC Davis for the long term plan, they see NCA being science based
- They said the NCA would have better management of resources on ground then existing management; it would create coordination
- They see the NCA as helping with the “dope” growers and poaching issues
- They want to encourage a reward for private landowners
- To be designated it takes an act of Congress, no Congress representative is currently sponsoring the proposal; they are preparing a proposal to present the identified NCA and they are still doing their homework
- They may have to go through a NEPA process if current managemento plans of federal land is significantly changed

### **ATTENDEE CONCERNS: (no particular order)**

- It was asked if they will ever back down [when they continue to receive no support i.e. Assemblymember's offices, Senate offices, County Supervisors, Cities, etc.], a yes or no answer was requested. Schneider replied "probably not".
- Science is not complete
- They are not seeing reality of work that will be needed to be successful; it will not be successful
- Another governmental layer and thus additional rules and regulations being forced upon private landowners
- NCA will strangle private land and private property rights
- Existing public lands aren't being taken care of; agencies are underfunded and can not perform all work necessary to manage their lands
- It was suggested everyone read the article in the Range magazine, *Has Congress Gone Mad?* The article explains there is stimulus money funding this, it is a national program, and it could cause a national security issue due to locking up land which could be used for oil if designated; the nation could not be self-sufficient thus reliant on other countries for oil
- An example was provided on the Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum which has been a 20 year process, yet still does not work
- No foresight of mass urban sprawl in the area within the 150 year timeframe discussed
- It was noted language that states easements and acquisitions are in the proposal, Schneider denied
- \$500,000 is not enough to oversee and implement management of the NCA; they discussed having 3.5 staff persons on the ground
- Recreational impact and trespassing
- Motor vehicles destructive
- Not allocating funding to existing local entities, which are designed to protect resources
- Usurp local land manager abilities
- Red Fir is only located in a small section on Snow Mountain, presentation claimed more was in the defined area
- Migration occurs from field to field, not reported as within the region
- It was mentioned they are not taking into consideration of the constitution which promotes people's rights and encourages good stewards of the land; private landowners are the best stewards of the land

Discussion occurred on whether or not to take action to support or not support the NCA. Manhart noted Anderson stated they are trying to gain support from the low fruit on the tree and then work their way up to the larger fruit, i.e. County Supervisors, etc. therefore, she put it on the agenda as an action item and recommends action be taken. Anderson apologized and did not mean the Board needed to take action. *Pride moved to not support Tuleyome's efforts to the proposed Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area at this time. Yalow seconded. Approved unanimously.*

### **IX. TRANSMISSION AGENCY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (TANC)** For more information visit [www.tuleyome.org](http://www.tuleyome.org)

**A. Discussion and possible action on preliminary proposed transmission project**

President Landini explained this project would install power lines that would transfer green power from Lassen County through Glenn County south; the proposed area is 1,000 feet wide, however there is no specific line identified. They have extended their comment period until May 31 because they, initially, did not distribute the information well. It was reported by President Landini that Supervisor Leigh McDaniel is co-organizing, with Farm Bureau, a citizens meeting in Orland; he has invited TANC representatives to be there. He suggested Manhart distribute the meeting information to those interested. It was noted Tehama County tried to do the same, there was 350 people in attendance, but TANC did not show up. Wallace added he has been working with a group from Ord Bend in gaining over 300+ signatures on a petition (they were present at the County Fair) and he will be attending the SMUD meeting on May 19. President Landini commented on the informative article in The Sacramento Valley Mirror and suggested we read it. At the present time, President Landini said the RCD is still doing research to comment. No action was taken.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

President Landini moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Approved on June 15, 2009 by the Glenn County Resource Conservation District Board.

Attested by,

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**Mike Landini, President**

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**Kandi Manhart, Secretary**

**Items Attached:**

Bank Statement

Cash Disbursements Journal



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**Glenn County Resource Conservation Dist  
Cash Disbursements Journal  
For the Period From April 21 to May 18, 2009**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Account ID</u>	<u>Line Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/18/09	1124	72610A	Bond Tax and Financial Payroll/ Services Accounting	425.00
5/18/09	1125	68010A	Ray Morgan Company May/June	165.49
5/18/09	1126	73510A	CA Section, Society for Karissa Leonard Range Management	350.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>940.49</b>