

**Glenn County Climate Smart Ag Committee  
A Standing Committee of Glenn County RCD**

**Thursday, February 29, 2024  
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm  
Glenn County Resource Conservation District  
USDA Willows Service Center  
132 N. Enright Avenue, Suite C  
Willows, CA 95988**

**In attendance:**

Brint Foster, Certified Crop Advisor & Compost Solutions  
Kristin Guy, District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS  
Marcie Skelton, Ag Commissioner, Glenn County Ag Department  
Betsy Karle, County Director, UCCE-Glenn County  
Lizzeth Mendoza, Climate Smart Ag & Community Education Specialist II, UCCE-Glenn County  
Kandi Manhart-Belding, Executive Officer, Glenn County RCD  
Lisa Diamond, Program Coordinator, Glenn County RCD  
Kellie Wilson-Burt, Program Specialist, Glenn County RCD  
Mike Vereshchagin, Farmer/Rancher  
Lisa Humphreys, Manager, Farm Bureau

**1. Call to Order**

Kandi Manhart-Belding called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

**2. Welcome & Introductions**

Kandi Manhart-Belding welcomed attendees and introductions ensued.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**4. Standing Committee Appointed December 18, 2023 by Glenn County RCD**

**1. Number of seats on committee – Estimated Nine**

- 1) Farmers / Ranchers (Mike V.)
- 2) Farmers / Ranchers (Vacant)
- 3) Farmers / Ranchers – Priority Population; Eduardo Briones
- 4) UCCE-Glenn County (Betsy K.)
- 5) Ag Commissioner (Marcie S.)
- 6) Farm Bureau (Lisa H.)
- 7) Certified Crop Advisor (Brint F.)
- 8) At-Large / Other (Mike L.)
- 9) At-Large / Other

- Discussion ensued on retaining the 7 committee members interested or increasing to 9; RCD Board will be asked what their recommendation is moving forward.
- Victor Silveira, Farmer/Rancher, has resigned his membership on the committee.
- Eduardo Briones has accepted the committee placement as priority population.
- Potential candidates were suggested. RCD will continue outreach for volunteers.

**5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2024**

Brint Foster made a motion to accept the minutes with the following changes: 1) remove Kristin Guy from 'In attendance', 2) add Lisa Humphreys, Farm Bureau to 'In attendance', 3) update Kurt Pierce to Curt Pierce spelling; and 4) add Becky Wheeler-Dykes as potential for Technical Review Committee. Betsy Karle seconded. Approved. Mike Vereschagin abstained.

**6. ACTION: Discussion and possible action to fill seats on the committee**

Betsy Karle made a motion to accept the committee changes as presented. Lisa Humphreys seconded. Unanimous approval.

**7. ACTION: Discussion and possible action to fill officer positions: Chair and Vice Chair**

Marcie Skelton made a motion to nominate Lisa Humphreys as Chair and Brint Foster as Vice Chair. Mike Vereshchagin seconded. Unanimous approval.

**8. ACTION: Discussion and possible action to recommend Request for Healthy Soils Program (HSP) Grant Applications for adoption – Discussion**

- First page of RGA- change 100k TO 200k.
- Recommendation from Mike Vereschagin for a phased application approach, reviews could start sooner.
- Discussion ensued about scoring rubric/bonus points.
- RGA will be revised and reviewed by Lizzeth Mendoza and Kellie Wilson-Burt by early next week. Revision(s) will go out to committee via email as information only.
- Technical Review Committee – define roles and responsibilities of committee members and continue actively searching for more technical review committee members.

**9. ACTION: Discussion and possible action to accept SWEEP Grant Application Review Process**

Lisa Diamond presented the tentative timeline/outline for the application review process. Awaiting details from CDFA regarding clarification on a few questions; she will update and present a second version to committee.

**10. Project Outreach Update**

Two workshops were held, February 15<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>, one was in Spanish only and attended by 10 people. 80 producers were present for the Programs 101 on February 16<sup>th</sup>, in Orland.

**10. Review, Next Steps, and Schedule Next Meeting**

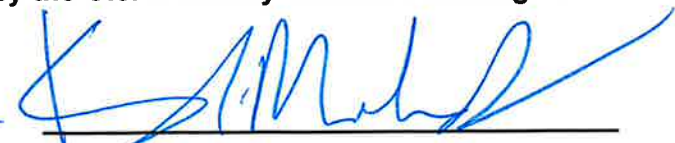
**14. Adjournment**

Kandi Manhart-Belding adjourned the meeting at 3:52 PM.

**Approved on Monday, June 24, 2024, by the Glenn County Climate Smart Ag Committee.**

Attested by,

  
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Lisa Humphreys, Chair

  
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Kandi Manhart-Belding, Executive Officer  
Glenn County Resource Conservation District

Items Attached: NONE