

**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
OCTOBER 8, 2014**

DIRECTORS

**MARK HOLDENER, PRESIDENT
SAM BEUKELMAN
RICK MARTINEZ
DAVID VIGUIE**

DIXON RCD STAFF

**JOHN S. CURREY, DISTRICT MANAGER
JANICE BEAMAN, OFFICE MANAGER**

OTHER ATTENDEES

**WENDY RASH, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST
JIM CAMPBELL, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
JOE LEACH, CITY ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF DIXON
JENNIFER HAMILTON, SOLANO COUNTY (For Item 5 Only)**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Vice President Martinez called the October 8, 2014, Regular Meeting, to order at 6:00 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Directors Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie
Absent: President Holdener

2. Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established.

3. Approve the Agenda

Mr. Currey noted an amended agenda was distributed.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Viguie, to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed as follows:

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Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Holdener

4. Comments from the Public - None

5. Local Workgroup Meeting

- a. **Overview of Resource Issues Affecting Agriculture in Solano County.**
- b. **Report on Farm Bill Conservation Funds Allocated to Solano County.**
- c. **Prioritization of Resource Issues by Participants.**

Ms. Rash noted that the Local Workgroup meetings are intended to allow stakeholders to provide feedback on Federal Conservation Programs. She reviewed Fiscal Year 2014 big resource and big agency issues such as drought, water quality, ad Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, new Farm Bill, new programs, and soil health initiative. She discussed local priority issues including water quality, sediment toxicity, Bay Delta Initiative funding.

Ms. Rash discussed species on the Federal Endangered Species List, areas designated as critical habitat and how ag production has helped restore important corridors and resources for wildlife.

Ms. Rash discussed applying Federal resources to local resource issues, locations of projects funded with Bay-Delta Initiative funds in 2013 and 2014, and use of local EQIP funds. She also discussed limitation of "focused funding", future funding focus, groundwater and air quality as resource concerns and conservation challenges.

This item was filed.

6. Presentations – None

7. Matters Relating to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area:

- a. **Approval of Expenses – from September 11, 2014, to October 8, 2014, and review the 2014 / 2015 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey noted the agenda was amended to include approval of expenses for the last quarter rent.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve the Yolo Bypass expenses. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Holdener

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b. Activities Report – Monthly Summary of Staff's Activities.

Mr. Currey noted the lease agreements should be distributed at the end of October.

This item was filed.

8. Matters relating to the DRCD/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition (Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program):

- a. Approval of Expenses – None**
- b. Activities Reports – Monthly Summary of Staff's Activities. - None**

9. DRCD Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated September 10, 2014.**
- b. Approval of Expenses from September 11, 2014, to October 8, 2014, and review the 2014 / 2015 Budget Update.**

There was no discussed on these items.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Holdener

10. Old Business

- a. Northeast Dixon Ag Service Area: Button Transportation Project – Receive update and consider future action.**

Mr. Currey reported that the white paper has been drafted, will be reviewed by the Technical Committee and attorney and then will be brought to each Board.

This item was filed.

11. New Business

- b. TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

South West Dixon – Receive information on NV5 conceptual development plan in the SW Dixon Specific Plan area.

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Mr. Currey summarized the staff report, discussed the validity of previously approved documents and issues with water drainage without building the infrastructure. He preferred to see an retention pond built as with the Wal-Mart project.

Mr. Leach noted some similarities to the Ag Service Area and Wal-Mart., discussed the developer requesting to do an alternative plan until the Southwest Development moves forward. The developer will have to pay for development and will have detention ponds.

Mr. Currey felt the Board should be aware of this development as there are many uncertainties. He noted the project may need the Solano Irrigation District approval and felt the physical dynamics are challenging.

a. Encroachment Permit - Consider approving an encroachment permit for Viguie Farm's new irrigation pipeline.

Directed Viguie noted he has a conflict of interest and left the room.

Directors Beukelman and Martinez have no concerns with this type of pipe.

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item will be brought back for a vote at the next meeting.

Director Viguie returned to the meeting.

c. DRCD/Solano Water Quality Coalition 2014/15 Budget – Review and consider approving the 2014 / 2015 Fiscal Year Budget and the proposed billing rate for landowners.

Mr. Currey noted the 2x2 Committee recommended the \$7.50 per acre initiation fee continue until the list is transmitted to the State. The Committee also recommended the Board approve the budget and continue the \$2.50 per acre for this year's billing.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Viguie, to approve the Coalition Budget and \$2.50 as the billing rate for landowners. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes:	Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Holdener

d. 2015 Ditch Fee Billing – Consider reviewing and adopting the Ditch Maintenance Fee and review outstanding accounts.

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Mr. Currey reviewed the outstanding balances from landowners and suggested the owed interest be waived. He noted that the Loretta Fletcher invoice had been fully paid, the balance is principle and interest based on an owner and tenant dispute. Had the principle been paid, the interest would have been waived, but instead it has accumulated. The annual billing will be sent in December.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Beukelman, authorizing continuation of \$2.00 per acre ditch maintenance fee rate and waiving interest that is owed. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Holdener

e. Dixon RCD Meeting Date – Consider Changing the Meeting Date for November.

After the Board discussion, a motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Viguie, to change the meeting date to November 19th at noon. The motion was passed as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Holdener

f. Newsletters – Consider and discuss possible contents for the Coalition and Dixon RCD Newsletters.

Mr. Currey noted staff is looking for topics for the annual newsletters. The draft will be provided for review.

This item was filed.

12. DRCD Staff Reports

Mr. Currey discussed the allocation of resources with irrigated lands and groundwater relating nitrogen. The Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) has been discussing how to handle water legislation. Mr. Currey discussed the type of legislation to be created and left to local agencies. He expressed concern that individuals will be unrepresented and it has been left to local governance. He asked for feedback if there should be a representative at the table as this develops and how much time should he invest.

Director Viguie felt this dove tails nicely with what is being done. Director Martinez noted the District has proven it is capable for doing other things.

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Mr. Campbell thought the District will have to represent non-irrigation district lands and cities will want to use SCWA.

Mr. Currey stated he would continue to follow this and provide updates to the Board.

13. **Director's Report** – None

14. **Communications** – None

15. **Upcoming Events**

The next Dixon Regional Watershed Authority Board Meeting will be determined.

16. **Announcements**

The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be November 19, 2014, at 12:00 noon.

17. **Adjournment**

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned to the hour of 8:00 p.m.



Janice Beaman, CMC
Office Manager
Dixon Resource Conservation District