



**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
OCTOBER 14, 2015**

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, NATURAL RESOURCE
CONSERVATION SERVICES (NRCS)
JIM CAMPBELL, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
LEO SOUKERIS, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

President Holdener called the October 14, 2015, Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie, Holdener
Absent: None

2. Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established.

3. Approve the Agenda

There was no discussion on this item.

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

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

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Ms. Rash noted their new fiscal year just started and reported that all contracts were completed before the deadline. She discussed the proposed Operational Agreement with the Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) and the opportunity to make changes. She requested the agreement be placed on next month's agenda, discussed the joint staff meeting held a few weeks ago, and trying to keep a strong partnership through agreement. She hopes to identify specific projects to build on the partnership. She also discussed the heathy soils initiative that hopes to improve soil health by planting cover crops, which can also improve water infiltration and could be important to El Nino.

Director Martinez suggested having quarterly meetings with something similar to what the RCD's 2x2 meetings are.

Mr. Currey thought possibly having a NRCS liaison may be helpful.

Director Viguie asked Ms. Rash to identify what she wants in the Operational Agreement.

This item was filed.

4. Comments from the Public - None

5. Presentations – None

6. DRCD/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition (Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program) – Monthly Reports

- a. **Approval of Expenses – None**
- b. **Activities Reports – None.**

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER) See Minutes above.

8. DRCD Consent Calendar

- a. **Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated September 9, 2015.**
- b. **Approval of Expenses from September 10, 2015, to October 14, 2015, and review of the 2015 / 2016 Budget Update.**

There was no discussion on these items.

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

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

9. Old Business – NONE

10. New Business

- a. **Receive West Yost reports regarding alternatives to the Eastside Drain Project and subsequent decisions by the JPA and A-JPA regarding this project.**

Mr. Currey noted West Yost was authorized to do this study and discussed their report to use the City of Dixon Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) ponds for stormwater detention storage. Mr. Currey discussed the original proposal and preferred alternative to acquire easements for the Eastside Drain and the Dixon Main Drain V-Drain Projects.

Mr. Currey discussed the possibility of the City of Dixon having 100% detention within the City. He felt this could provide the opportunity to work with the City of Dixon and will be meeting with them next week. He also hoped to open the conversation with Solano County.

Mr. Currey reported the Dixon Watershed Real Property Acquisition Joint Powers Authority (JPA) determined that the Eastside Drain Project is no longer a preferred project and all work on the project will stop.

Mr. Currey discussed modeling 2, 15, 100 year storm events and that they are important to understand how the existing system works in the 2 and 15 year events.

Director Martinez felt the amount of water should be taken into consideration, supported the channel being completed, and the City of Dixon should be approached to complete the entire channel.

Mr. Currey discussed Solano County's policy that new development take responsibility for new run off. He discussed reviewing the costs of Tremont 3 and would bring that back to the Board. He also hoped to talk to the City of Dixon and Campbell Soup.

Director Martinez did not want to obligate District funds to anyone to the north. He also preferred to not be the only controlling agency.

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Mr. Currey noted he would recommend 37cfs north of the railroad tracks at no cost. He preferred a Memorandum of Agreement with the District instead of the JPA.

Director Viguie wanted to know what the cost of improvements would be to increase the drainage capacity from a 2 year storm event to a 5 year storm event.

Mr. Currey noted West Yost will be reporting based on 37 cfs, discharge out of the ponds. Mr. Currey was concerned about providing 37 cfs versus none to the City of Dixon. He felt a 2 year and 15 year storm event needs to be seen. He would be studying points for modeling first and talking to the City of Dixon, Reclamation District 2068 and Campbell Soup. He also will be working with West Yost on modeling the flow conditions for a 2 and 15 year storm events and what the impacts are to Reclamation District 2068 and to the District landowners.

This item was filed.

b. November Board Meeting Date – November 11th is a holiday.

After a brief discussion, the Board decided to hold the November Board meeting at noon on November 12th.

By consensus, the Board agreed to a November 12th Board meeting at 12:00 noon.

11. DRCD Staff Reports

a. District Manager's Report

Mr. Currey reported:

- The District Engineer was addressing access to property issues in Tremont.
- That Nancy Schwartz wanted to meet with the District and get to know some of the neighbors.
- Regarding ditch cleaning: cost sharing between Maine Prairie, City of Dixon and Dixon RCD, and Don Holdener's concerns about the potential cost from Solano Irrigation District ditch cleaning on Lateral 1.
- Director Mark Holdener thought more ditch cleaning is needed in the south (Dixon Main Drain).

Director Martinez suggested Director Mark Holdener meet with the District Manager and identify ditch cleaning areas on a map.

b. District Engineer's Report - None

12. Directors Report None

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13. Communications

None

14. Upcoming Events

None

15. Announcements

The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 12:00 noon.

16. Adjourn Meeting

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:20 p.m.



**Janice Beaman
Office Manager
Dixon Resource Conservation District**