

AMADOR
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Mailing Address: 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson CA 95642

DIRECTORS
Steve Cannon, Robert Long, Carole Marz, Ed McCracken, Dan Port
Associate Directors
Ron Hames – Alpine Co. Supervisor

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

DATE: January 28, 2021 **TIME:** 3:00 PM **LOCATION:** Chichizola Store (Mother Lode Land Trust) 1324 Jackson Gate Road, Jackson, CA 95642

Due to concerns about health & the need to maintain social distance, this meeting will allow for telephone attendance via conference call. If interested, please call (612)470-1917 & use PIN 294-465-236#. If you choose to attend via video conference, go to meet.google.com/hyh-zwww-ngn

ROLL CALL
AGENDA

Approval of agenda for this date; any and all off-agenda items must be approved by the Board of Directors
Pursuant to Para 5495.2 of the government code.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA CONSIDERATION OF
"EMERGENCY OR "SUBSEQUENT NEED" ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA Cal. Gov't Code 54954.2(b)(2)

Item #	Time Allotted	Topic
1	3:05 – 3:15	Approval of itemized warrants.
2	3:15 – 3:20	Approval of minutes of past meetings
3	3:20 – 3:40	NRCS Report
4	3:40 – 3:55	Fire Safe Council request for partnership – John Heissenbuttel
5	3:55 – 4:30	District Manager Report – Amanda Watson 3 Meadows Project – update and possible action on RCD covering some costs, to be reimbursed.
6	4:30 – 4:40	Treasurer Report
7	4:40 – 5:00	Director vacancy and reappointment
8	5:00 – 5:05	.Correspondence
9	5:05	Adjourn

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes for Regular Meeting of December 17, 2020

Regular meeting was called to order by President Cannon at 3:10pm.

Present were: Directors Cannon, Long, Port.

District Manager Amanda Watson, Kelsi Williams, Emily Taylor

A motion was made by Director Port to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Director Long

All in favor, motion carried.

No oral communications.

Item 1: 13 warrants were presented for payment approval by Director Port, Warrant # 20-110 - #20-122.

See Invoice Summary. A motion was made by Director Long to approve the 13 warrants for payment,

Seconded by Director Port, motion carried.

Item 2: Minutes were tabled until the January Meeting.

Item 3: NRCS report submitted via email. See NRCS Report.

Item 4: Amanda Watson presented DM Report. The board discussed applying for funding with the Partners for Fish and Wildlife for monarch/pollinator habitat restoration with the ACT partnership. The Board discussed opportunity to apply for NACD 2021 funding to continue support for the Jackson NRCS office.

Item 5: No Treasurers Report presented

Item 6: A motion was made by Director Port to recommend Kelsi Williams to the Board of Supervisors for the appointment of Kelsi Williams to fill the Director McCracken's vacancy.

Seconded by Director Long, motion carried.

All in favor

Item 7: No correspondence

Item 8: Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

/A Watson/

January 2021- ARCD Board Meeting

Starting Warrant 21-001

Warrant Number	Amount	Pay to	Project	Notes
21-001	\$ 1,716.26	CARCD	ARCD	December AW Staff Time
21-002	\$ 732.55	CARCD	SAWQA	December AW Staff Time
21-003	\$ 48.98	City of Jackson	ARCD	December Water Bill
21-004	\$ 358.33	Balancing the Books	ARCD	Bookkeeping -December Work
21-005	\$ 887.38	The Regents of University of CA	ARCD-SARE	Scott Oneto's work 11/1/2020-12/31/2020
21-006	\$ 720.00	Molly Taylor	Patagonia/TA	10/21/20-1/25/2021
21-007	\$ 2,218.58	CARCD	ARCD	November Staff Time (Correction needed of Warrant 20-110)
21-008	\$ 1,381.38	CARCD	SAWQA	November Staff Time (Correction needed of Warrant 20-111)
21-009	\$ 300.00	Jill Damksy	SAWQA	December SAWQA Time

ARCD Income

Date	Amount	Check From	Project	Notes
	\$ 416.36	CARCD	PACE	CARCD staff time payment for participating in PACE program

NOTES



**USDA-NRCS Report by Bobette Parsons, District Conservationist, Jackson LPO
January 2021**

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- Administration on-going on 117 active conservation contracts to treat 30,779 acres.
- Federal funding of 5.8 million dollars obligated for conservation activities in active contracts.
- Implementation of 242 conservation practices in FY20 on all land uses totaling \$1,298,384.00.
- Dollars paid for conservation practices in FY20 across three counties were 49% Range, 47% Forest and 4% Cropland.
- 30 new conservation contracts obligated for FY20 EQIP and RCPP.
- 2 new CSP contracts on Rangeland are pending obligation in February.

Agricultural Land Easement Program (ALE)

- 5 Applications obligated in FY2020 from Jackson LPO counties to protect 2,772 rangeland acres in easement agreements.

Conservation Planning 2021

- On-going requests for assistance being received, with needed planning on Tree Mortality, Catastrophic wildfire recovery, General forestry, RCPP, Rangeland and Cropland acreages.
- Numerous requests for planning on Rangeland.
- Rangeland planning priority on applicants without adequate livestock water.
- Plans being developed for FY21 EQIP funding on forestry, range and cropland projects. March 3rd and June 9th are the ranking dates for FY21 EQIP projects competing for funding.

Staff Updates

- NRCS Range Conservationist announcement closed 12/28/2020. Interviews January 11-12.
- Following Forester resignation, a detail position was advertised within NRCS California (no applicants referred at this time).
- Permanent NRCS Forester Position will be advertised later this year.
- Office remains open for business through telework and rotational staff time in office. Office is closed to clients and visitors, but field work continues with social distancing.

Amador RCD District Manager Report

Prepared for: January 28th, 2021 Board Meeting

Current Projects Updates:

Three Meadows, NFWF Grant: Working with partners and NFWF to meet the funding requirements for implementation. We have a \$63,000 shortfall in funding. The project Management Team is working to increase the NFWF grant amount or find partners interested in helping to fill this gap. The Mokelumne Fund has offered to fund \$3000 (would need to work with a non-profit, possibility AFSC, to accept funds). PG&E and the Ecological Resource Committee has \$250,000 that is potentially available. The committee will be deciding to support the project on February 12th meeting.

Labor Compliance Contractor is needed to move forward with project. We have a quote of \$5,400 from North Valley Labor Compliance.

LGM Construction submitted the lowest responsible bid of \$373k, this is slightly over budget. AW recommends to move forward with contracting for the largest of the meadows, Upper Onion, with the stipulation that the contract will be amended to add High Onion and Tyler Meadow if/when additional funds are acquired.

Amador Rangeland Soil Health Research and Education Project, WesternSARE –Need to plan filming with participating producers.

NACD 2020: First quarter report submitted. Project started, Gordon been assisting with certifications.

RCPP: Identified 6 clients for the upcoming round. Lindsey with Tuolumne RCD are working to put together a list of roughly 20 clients that may be interested in RCPP. Held a virtual meeting with Tuolumne landowners that are interested in RCPP, the property is outside of Groveland and they hope to use this as a demonstration project of forest health practices.

Carbon Farm Hub Planning Grant- Working with CCI and other hubs on funding proposal for foundation/private funding. Will be meeting with CCI/Hubs each month for 4 months to develop a proposal.

Community Chipping Program: 5 Community Chipping Days are in the process of being set up, locations will be at fire stations throughout the county, the goal is to have one in the following areas: River Pines, Lone, Sutter Creek, Pine Grove, and Lockwood. A total of 12 applications for the roadside chipping services have been submitted, 9 of them have been completed.

Patagonia Carbon Farm Plan: PT Ranch CFP is complete. Molly and Garrett are working with Cary and Hillary on developing CFPs for these 2 properties. Soil testing completed. CFPs will be completed by February 2020.

Healthy Soil Program Technical Assistance Funding- Molly and Garrett are working with Cary on his planning and implementation. A total of 4 landowners were funded.

Monarch Habitat Garden: We need to plan for how to manage this garden as we move into spring.

Funding Opportunities:

- Carbon Hub Funding: meeting with CCI and Hubs to develop a proposal over the next 4 months.
- NACD 2021: the next round of funding for NACD will be accepting applications between January 8th and February 21st for priority requests. After this remaining unallocated funds will be granted in April.

Thinking we could use these funds for Forestry (continuing current program) and use funding to help with Carbon Farm Planning

- US Fish and Wildlife Partners Program: \$25,000 grant for installing habitat on private land. Working with ACT to put in 2 proposals. Very flexible funding program, don't need to have sites identified and Partners program helps with design and CEQA requirements.
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy will be having funds coming available for forest health and fire protection projects in March and July of this year.

SAWQA:

Invoices and Member Requirement mailings sent. SAWQA webpages have been updated. Members have been turning in invoices and completing requirements.



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Oath of Office

Amador County, California

I, Kelsi Williams do solemnly affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the State of California; that I take the obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter and during such time as I hold office of Amador Resource Conservation District Director.

Signature: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January, 2021



APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RCD) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Instructions: The District will review applications for appointment and select one individual to nominate to the Amador County Board of Supervisors in accord with Public Resources Code section 9314 for a full 4 year term.

The Amador RCD is also looking for future Associate Directors, if you are interested in either position please consider completing this application and/or attending our next board meeting.

A Board Member must reside within Amador County and be a registered voter. Applicants should have an interest in serving the local community with natural resource needs and agricultural issues. Applicant should be willing to dedicate time to the Amador RCD, including monthly meetings, committee meetings, and outreach events when possible.

The Amador RCD's mission is to promote natural resource conservation in our district through community education and to provide natural resource technical assistance to our constituents. Visit the Amador RCD website to learn more about the District's [mission and history](#) and current projects.
www.AmadorRCD.org

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If you are interested in serving on Board of Directors of the Amador Resource Conservation District, please complete this application and email Amanda Watson your application and related documents.

Contact Information: Amanda Watson Phone: (916) 612-5163 Email: Amanda@AmadorRCD.org

You will be advised by the district board if you are selected for nomination and your appointment is confirmed. Thank you for your interest.

NAME: Emily Taylor AGE (optional): 54 years

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 1605 Cook Road, Lone, CA 95640

BUSINESS OR MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (DAYTIME): 650-533-3610 EMAIL ADDRESS: Emily@ptranch.com

Please provide a brief description of your background and qualifications and any other relevant documents you believe support your eligibility and nomination, including relevant experience and/or education, with particular emphasis factors that demonstrate an interest in natural resource conservation.

For the last 20 years, I owned and operated Emily Taylor Interior Design and retired in 2020. Prior to opening my design business, I was the Executive Director of the Max Warburg Courage Curriculum in Boston.

For the past 3 years, I have been working on building a sustainable regenerative operation on my families ranch in Ione. PT Ranch is a pasture raised meat business run and operated by our daughter Molly. We are in the process of transitioning from a conventional cattle ranch to a diversified, sustainable farm through the implementation of compost application, planned managed grazing, silvo pasture and cover cropping. My knowledge of land regeneration comes primarily from the many workshops that I have attending on carbon sequestration, planned grazing, holistic management training, etc.

I spent the last 10 years co-chairing the Legacy Council for the Californian Range Land Trust and helped with their fund raising efforts, events and ranch land conservation.

In 2019 and 2020 I attended the Amador County Master Gardeners Training.

Thanks for your interest, I am very committed to land conversation and leaving a sustainable legacy for the next generation.

Mitchell Mine Fuel Break - Project Status 1/19/2021

