

**AMADOR**  
**RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE:** December 17, 2020 **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](https://meet.google.com/hyh-zwww-ngn)*

**ROLL CALL**  
**AGENDA**

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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 – 4:30	District Manager Report – Amanda Watson Potential Pollinator grant
5	4:30 – 4:40	Treasurer Report
6	4:40 – 5:00	Director vacancy and reappointment
7	5:00 – 5:05	.Correspondence
8	5:05	Adjourn

**December 2020- ARCD Board Meeting**

Starting Warrant 20-110

Warrant Number	Amount	Pay to	Project	Notes
20-110	\$ 2,218.58	CARCD	ARCD	November AW Staff Time
20-111	\$ 1,381.38	CARCD	SAWQA	November AW Staff Time
20-112	\$ 145.48	City of Jackson	ARCD-GARDEN	November Water (plus deposit)
20-113	\$ 437.50	Jill Dampsky	SAWQA	November SAWQA Time
20-114	\$ 537.99	Pre-Sort	SAWQA	Invoice Mailing
20-115	\$ 3,416.15	Garett Long	Patagonia	Garett Long Time & Soil Sampling Reimburement
20-116	\$ 252.59	Amanda Watson	ARCD -NACD/HSP	Office Supplies (July-October)
20-117	\$ 382.52	The Regents of University of CA	ARCD-SARE	Scott Oneto's work 8/1/2020-10/31/2020
20-118	\$ 205.00	Balancing the Books	ARCD	Bookkeeping -October Work
20-119	\$ 263.25	Balancing the Books	ARCD	Bookkeeping -November Work
20-120		Pre-Sort	SAWQA	Requirments Mailing -upto \$600 approval awaiting invoice

**ARCD Income**

Date	Amount	Check From	Project	Notes

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**USDA-NRCS Report by Bobette Parsons, District Conservationist, Jackson LPO  
December 2020**

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

- Administration on-going on 117 active conservation contracts (38 in Amador County) to treat 30,779 acres (15,143 acres in Amador County).
- Federal funding of 5.8 million dollars (1.8 million in Amador county) obligated for conservation activities in active contracts.
- Implementation of 242 conservation practices in FY20 on all land uses (79 Amador county) totaling \$1,298,384.00 (\$357,704 Amador county).
- Dollars paid for conservation practices in FY20 across three counties were 49% Range, 47% Forest and 4% Cropland.
- In Amador county during FY20 \$115,989 was used for Forestry practices, \$212,581 was used for Range practices and \$29,134 was used for cropland practices.
- 30 new conservation contracts obligated for FY20 EQIP and RCPP.

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 crisis to opportunity, 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. No ranking dates for FY21 funding selections currently.

Staff Updates

- NRCS Range Conservationist advertisement for GS-9/11 open in USA jobs December 15-28th.
- Forester, Ben Solvesky resigned to take a promotion with USFWS in Spokane WA. Detail position advertised within NRCS California.
- 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: December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Meeting

### **Current Projects Updates:**

Three Meadows, NFWF Grant: UMRWA completed roadwork on 8NO3 and the 'camp road' improvements. RFB solicitation is currently in process, pre-bid site visit was held Monday 10/26. The due date for bids is 12/18/2020. We'll be selecting a contractor hopefully by the beginning of January for Summer implementation.

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

NACD 2019: Final report submitted

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. We'll be holding a virtual workshop for these people in early 2021.

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: Vince and I are working on crafting advertising for Radio and Ledger Dispatch, several community newsletters have been contacted. The webpage will be live this Friday. Vince is working with communities for Community Chipping Days. The first (pilot) will be in Running Gold Subdivision – currently 3 landowners.

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 December 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 8<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup> for priority requests. After this remaining unallocated funds will be granted in April. *Thinking we could use these funds for Forestry (continuing current program), use funding to help with Carbon Farm Planning and Farm to Market assistance.*
- 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.

### **SAWQA:**

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