



# Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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## BOARD MEETING

Minutes for October 10, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** At 10:10 am by Vice President Duggan
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Directors, Casdorff, Hammond, Fulks and Duggan, Conservation Technician Wood, and Acting Conservation Technician. Paul Nguyen, NRCS. Absent Director Barraclough
3. **Minutes:** Table until next meeting
4. **Public Comment** None
5. **Financial Report:** Amount in checking \$1544.07 and grant account \$1861.19
6. **NRCS:** New fiscal year at NRCS and now accepting new applications. NRCS office is helping with the Bridge Fire and doing disaster assessments. They have asked Congress for emergency watershed protection program money. Lots of clean up Director Casdorff asked if Ms. Wood can help the office. Possibly in the office.
7. **Staff Report:** Went out for yearly field visit with NRCS to Antelope Canyon and Blackburn Canyon dams. Discussed poster contest and entries. Set up poster judging with committee for Sept 17 at noon. Had composting training with Waste Management Inc. Could possibly have them at plant sale. They may pay for ADA port a potty.
8. **New Business:**
  - a) **End of Term:** For Directors Hammond and Barraclough. Director Casdorff drafted letter to the Board of Supervisors to reappoint both to another 4 year term. Director Fulks made motion to approve letter to reappoint. Director Casdorff second. All ayes.
  - b) **Star Thistle:** Director Casdorff recommended the RCD join and participate with UC Santa Barbara in yellow star thistle biological abatement. Approved. No vote necessary.
  - c) **Admin Email:** Director Duggan thinks this pays for admin and Ms. Wood emails. Confirm with Streamline website update.
9. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Ecology Center Update:** Tree in front of office was trimmed. Need large beam in back and Director Hammond will pick up from Bakersfield.
  - b) **Nursery:** Director Hammond collected acorns for oaks. Put in freezer first and then plant at RCD in spring.
  - c) **Website update:** Director Fulks and Barraclough meeting with Streamline next Friday for Zoom meeting. Director Hammond to provide photos for website.
  - d) **Trees for Schools.** Director Hammond said Water District may provide \$2000 grant for trees. Trees are set aside at nursery. New superintendent of schools so he needs to coordinate with new one.
10. **Board Member Comment:** Director Duggan would like to retire from the board. Maybe by end of the calendar year.
11. **Adjourn:** Director Casdorff made motion to adjourn Director Hammond second. All ayes. Adjourned 11:30 pm