



MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 21, 2017

Directors Present: Lisa Bauer, Mike Webster, Craig Blencowe, Dave Koball, Peter Braudrick

Directors Absent: None

Associate Directors Present: Geri Hulse-Stephens

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Staff Present: Patricia Hickey, Linda MacElwee, Joe Scriven, Chris Bartow, Mary Mayeda, Jake Stubberfield, Kristin Cooper, Patty Madigan

NRCS Staff Present: Carol Mandel

Other: Kathy Monroe; Devon Jones

I.	CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS 9:10 am
II.	ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B))
III.	PUBLIC COMMENT Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).
IV.	CONSENT CALENDAR 4-1 January 17, 2017 Minutes Lisa Bauer motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Craig Blencowe seconded. Dave Koball, Lisa Bauer, Peter Braudrick, Mike Webster, and Craig Blencowe voted in favor, 0 nays.
V.	ACTION ITEMS
	5-1 Board Approval of Financial Statements and Warrant Request Craig Blencowe motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Peter Braudrick seconded. Lisa Bauer, Mike Webster, Dave Koball, Peter Braudrick and Craig Blencowe voted in favor, 0 nays. The board was very appreciative of the new grants project update format that Ursula Butler created for the board package with help from Jake Stubberfield.
	5-2 Board Approval of 2014-2019 Long-Range Plan Update Craig Blencowe motion to approve the 2014-2019 Long-Range Plan Update, Peter Braudrick seconded. Lisa Bauer, Mike Webster, Dave Koball, Peter Braudrick and Craig Blencowe voted in favor, 0 nays.
	5-3 Board Discussion Item of Mendocino County Grading Ordinance Devon Jones, Executive Director, Mendocino County Farm Bureau, attended the meeting to discuss the Farm Bureau's perspective on the County's draft Medical Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. The Farm Bureau is most concerned about market pressure on agricultural lands (e.g., rising land values, subdivision, and conversion). The Environmental Study (CEQA document) for the draft ordinance did not sufficiently address potential impacts to agriculture; nor did it provide sufficient mitigation measures. The Farm Bureau is also concerned

	<p>about “regulatory creep” whereby additional county and state environmental regulations designed to reduce impacts from cannabis cultivation will add additional regulatory burdens on other agricultural industries, which are already highly regulated. In addition, there is concern that the difficulties of regulating cannabis cultivation may induce regulators to go for easier targets (e.g., more accessible agricultural operations such as vineyards and orchards). The Farm Bureau is also concerned about efforts to “improve” the existing erosion control ordinance. The Farm Bureau believes that the problem is really a lack of enforcement of existing county erosion control and stormwater management regulations.</p> <p>Craig Blencowe brought up the issue of the rangeland exclusion and the costs and benefits of that mitigation measure.</p>
VI.	INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
	<p>6-1 Durable Collaborations’ IDMNS Project Update—Patricia Hickey, Peter Braudrick 6-2 Groundwater Sustainability Act Update—Patricia Hickey, Mike Webster 6-3 NRCS Report – Carol Mandel 6-4 Willits By-pass Update—Chris Bartow 6-5 Grant Status/Staff Reports 6-6 FORM 700 due in March</p>
VII	ADJOURNMENT AND AGENDA SETTING
	<p>To request board packet information, please contact Ursula Butler at (707) 462-3664 ext 105.</p> <p>Public Notice: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Government Code Section 54954.2, if special assistance is needed to participate in a Board meeting, please contact the RCD at (707) 462-3664. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to meeting time will assist staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility at the meeting.</p>

Board Chair

Date