

SVRCD JUNE 3RD 2009 Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at Plumas Bank in Portola

Attendance: Gary Romano, Gale Dupree, Byrd Harrison, John Olofson, Alice Berg, Eileen Rose (Beenie).

Others: Deborah Urich USFS, Anne Eldred, Sierraville, Carol Rush, NRCS

Meeting called to order 10:11 am.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Gale Dupree to approve May 2009 meeting minutes, 2nd by Byrd Harrison, all in favor yes.

Treasurers Report: SVRCD budget review, Sales Tax Exempt status, and letter of Affirmation from IRS. Also Annual General Liability and Umbrella Insurance review in process with adjuster.

Chairman's Report: Gary Romano discussed information regarding June Plumas County Picnic and Digital SV Family Stories to be shown this Sat. 6/6/2009 11AM, 12:30PM and 2:30PM at the Quincy Fairgrounds. Also, the SV Farms Market to open this Friday 6/5/2009. Gary discussed correspondence re: Livestock Environmental Planning Assistance Solutions, packet received. Info available from Holly George via email, and Farm Bill that was received in the regular mail, re: Fencing projects and landowners. The RCD will participate in Watershed forum, Brian Morris idea. The forum will discuss Monterrey Forum Funding approx. 4 million dollar in fund. Gary and Byrd discussed the Mapping Project David Arsenault is doing.

Gale discussed Plumas Cty. RAC meeting for Cycle 9, Mineral Bldg. At Fairground at 9AM on 6/5/2009. Also he mentioned Grazing Lands 4TH National Conference in Reno/Sparks, NV on 12/13/09-12/16/09. In addition he mentioned the National Wildlife Foundation, June 30TH 2009, re: Pollinators, etc. He also mentioned various other items of interest such as Wind Resources, Air Quality, and Water Projects in California.

Beenie added that the HSRC&D's National Conference will be held in Albuquerque New Mexico, she will be attending from 6/14/09- 6/17/09. Kay Joy requested that someone form the SVRCD attend. The HSRC&D will also provide the funding.

Gary discussed the RAC grant activity. He will be in contact with David Arsenault. Gary added that this meeting will be his last meeting as President for this summer; he will resume his position in September. In the mean time Gale Dupree will hold meetings in July and August as Chairman.

Project(s) Report:

Alice Berg discussed the situation regarding the USFS grant proposals, nothing has been heard as of yet. Also, grant funding allocation. She is busy with White Sulphur Springs Ranch Fund. Will try and link it to the SVRCD website. Discussion of SUS. AG. Workshop and 3year Plan update – board members will handle this item. In Nov., Dec., Jan. time frame.

Beenie discussed several items she has been working on such as the AG Workshop funding sources; she went to the HSRC&D meeting in Auburn, and will continue to attend every other month; discussed HSRC&D's position in relation to the SVRCD; information on the Mobile Poultry Processing Unit that is available for local ranchers to utilize through RCD's. Gary asked Beenie to do a press release on this subject. Beenie continued to discuss Marketing and Outreach, re: Utilizing the Website. But the website is time consuming and at the moment is experiencing a glitch with it. She added that the board really needs to think about the content to post to the website. Also, use it as a tool for grant proposal updates and info. And fund raising sources for outsiders. She would like to put together a small group of people to decide what we want to do with the website. Gary suggested Beenie contact the HSRC&D for ideas and funding support. Discussion of items Beenie has been working on; boils down to the need of organizational development. The Board members need to be actively engaged in

operational items. Beenie discussed the newsletter and the lack of a real data base; The Logo, she and Gale will work on together. The Sus. Ag. Workshop, she and David are aggressively looking for funding; The BBB needs to be looked at for next year. The Sus. Ag. Tour has \$2K grant to start received from SARE for producers only, to visit each others organization and seek out better ways of doing things. She is still working on Local Food and Resilience Project. She is interested in having a Fall Fund Raiser. She will send out an email to members.

Directors Report: Gale Dupree reported on SVRCD WEEDS: He discussed that the Weeds Group is working on an MOU, and is still working on WEEDS Poster. He mentioned the August Fair from 8/13/2009-8/16/2009, at the Quincy Fairgrounds. Call Andrea from the AG Dept. if you are interested in helping with the Booth at the Fair. He will have the WEEDS Poster available for the Fair, describing a healthy watershed. Gale also added that the RCD was to receive \$32, 968 on the WEEDS Grant on Grizzly Creek and downstream project. It is unknown as to when the funds will be released to the RCD, maybe Oct. 2009 and Jan. 2010.

Associate Directors Report: John Olofson, FRRCD Liaison: Discussed attending the FRRCD meeting. He mention the subject of doing Fiscal Management, CALTRANS came up. Approached the idea of cooperating with both the SVRCD/FRRCD for Steering Committee Seat. He would like to add to the agenda that he would like to be the representative. It will be added to the next SVRCD meeting agenda for approval. He mention Brian Morris, final resolution will ne on MOU, 8 Member Steering Committee meeting. One appointment to committee will be made by SVRCD/FRRCD.

Agency Input:

Deborah Ulrich, USFS: Discussed MOU with Forest Service, in regards to Alice at the Forest Service not understanding what the MOU will be used for. Instead of having to wait for each MOU on individual projects; one MOU will serve as a generic for all projects, thus eliminating the time lost on the waiting process. She will email the MOU out to the SVRCD directors for comments, and put on next months agenda for approval. Also she added that the OLGE review on June 23rd, 2009. Two restoration projects with the SVRCD Field Trip, she will email out Date and Time.

Carol Rush, NRCS: Discussed EQUIP funding this week. So we will know, maybe 4 applicants out of 20 applications accepted due to less funding. Other funding is available, such as pots of money and Sub funds, we are eligible for other funding. Organic Program Application extended until June 26th, 2009. Call Carol for information. Also FRRCD are zeroing in on a manager, Terry Rust. CAL TRANS mitigation grant will be used for funding. Also, John asked if they are using ADMIN funds from various grants to fund her position?

Action Item(s):

Gary discussed CEQU and NEPA requirements, in which now the SVRCD is required to provide by the Forest Service. He added that as of now because of timing and the season, we are trying to buddy up or umbrella with the AG. Dept. since they will be handling the spraying. If this does not work will have to apply and it is a 90day applying period.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:25AM.

Next Meeting on July 1ST, 2009 Location yet to be determined. August meeting to be held on the 5TH, location yet to be determined and September meeting to be held on the 2ND, location yet to be determined.