

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Conservation Committee
of the
Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors**

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Attendance:

Committee Members: Tom Nelson, Vice Chairman
Elliot Mulberg, Director
Jeanne Sabin, Director
Mike Schmitz, Associate
Staff: Mark J. Madison, General Manager
Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary
Bruce Kamilos, Assistant General Manager
Public: None

This was a posted meeting and no members of the public were present.

1. Potential Conservation Activities and Funding Opportunities for the Florin Resource Conservation District

Mark J. Madison, General Manager took the lead in presenting the Potential Conservation Activities and Funding Opportunities for the Florin Resource Conservation District to the members of the Conservation Committee.

Mr. Madison provided background regarding the mission of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). He then inquired to the Conservation Committee if the Florin Resource Conservation District (FRCD) would like to form a GSA.

A lengthy discussion regarding forming a GSA occurred.

The consensus of the FRCD Conservation Committee is to submit an application to form a GSA.

Director Jeanne Sabin, inquired if there are any limitations on taxes that a groundwater authority would levy. Mr. Madison responded stating under Proposition 218 it would be a fee for service vs. a tax. He then stated if the FRCD wanted to do other things that didn't involve groundwater management and charge everyone a tax, it would require a majority vote from the landowners.

Mr. Mulberg commented on having a Nexus Study performed to determine an action plan.

Mr. Madison discussed potential FRCD Conservation Activities.

Mr. Mulberg suggested Mr. Madison talk to the Fire Districts regarding weed abatement.

Mr. Madison suggested to meet with Rob Smith from the Building Industry Association (BIA) regarding synergies between the FRCD and the development community as it relates to water supply assessments as well as wetland mitigation.

Vice Chairman Tom Nelson, suggested Mr. Madison have a discussion with Don Nottoli regarding the need for mitigation.

There was a brief discussion regarding Zone 13 fees and activities.

Mr. Mulberg suggested that Mr. Madison follow up with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) and Dwane Coffey regarding grant funding opportunities.

Mr. Madison recommended to have another Conservation Committee meeting in a month so that he can report back his findings to the committee.

Next Conservation Committee Meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Secretary

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