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**Charlotte Griswold**  
President

## MINUTES

October 8, 2015

Perini Ranch, 12220 Perini Rd., Lower Lake, CA 95457  
minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

Vice President Victoria Brandon called the meeting to order at 4pm

Directors and others present: Directors Paul Aigner, Victoria Brandon, Dan Desmond; also Linda Juntunen, Korinn Woodard, Tracy Klein and Bill Lincoln (guest)

1. INTRODUCTIONS were made

2. PUBLIC INPUT: discussion of recent Valley Fire

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Personal Protective Equipment” conducted by Brandon

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF August 13, 2015 MEETING

Motion: Aigner moved and Desmond seconded to approve the minutes of the **August 13, 2015 meeting**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The monthly report was presented and discussed. Aigner moved and Desmond seconded to **approve the report as presented**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

Resolution: East Lake Resource Conservation District gives the County of Lake permission to adjust the carry forward balance from \$4985.00 to \$6902.00 for the 2015-2016 Budget Year.

Aigner moved and Desmond seconded to approve the Resolution

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Aigner moved and Desmond seconded to **approve and pay outstanding bills.**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE: none of consequence

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Consolidation of Districts – West Lake’s social security reporting problem has been resolved. We still need to create a joint Annual Plan and consolidated budget, and complete the list of new directors. WL Director Tony Blyleven has moved, so a new District 4 director must be found.

8.2 Recruiting of Associate Directors – Desmond will encourage Blyleven to continue in that role; Lincoln confirmed that he too is interested in serving as an Associate after consolidation

### 8.3 Placeholders

1. Cobb School Project - Desmond reports that the school survived the Valley Fire but that the home of our intern Jack Shrive house was destroyed. Desmond will reach out to him and his family.
2. Meisenbach Scholarship: nothing to report
3. Use of Donation Money to Pay for Grant Writer: nothing to report

## 9. REPORTS/UPDATES

### 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Linda Juntunen

She has been attending many meetings and working with the community as Valley Fire recovery begins.

### 9.3 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard

Rocky & Jerusalem fires. Kate O’Donnell created a great map of 7,000 acres of burned private land on Morgan Valley Rd, of which about half got funding for projects, and NRCS also gave recovery advice to everyone. NRCS has gotten about \$200,000 for fencing etc.

Bridges are out on Rocky Rd, which is a private road and the landowners’ responsibility.

Valley Fire. Arranged to haul trailer loads of hay into the area while the fire was still active so people who had stayed could pick it up to feed their animals without leaving the perimeter, and later wound up coordinating removal of dead livestock, many of them found in creek beds. OES agreed that this could become a public health problem and therefore paid for the removal costs. A Middletown Assessment team is examining risks to life and property as a result of the fire including damage to remaining houses. NRCS can fund up to 75 percent of protective measures. Of the total 76,000 acres burned in the Valley Fire 71,000 were privately owned, 3000 acres state-owned at Boggs Forest and the remainder BLM.

### 9.4 Indian Valley Wetland Restoration Project - Paul Aigner

On September 12 he was at Wintun Camp using a drone to take aerial photos of the project site. Next step is to do botanical surveys and create a detailed plan. The project should be categorically exempt from CEQA and he will coordinate with the BLM on NEPA requirements. We will seek outreach opportunities connected with this project, such as conducting before-and-after field trips open to the public.

### 9.5 President/Director Reports

Desmond – is involved with the Cobb Restoration project and attended the recent meeting organized by Greg Giusti. It was attended primarily by agency people and a few private

landowners. Desmond will continue to represent EL RCD in these activities. .Extensive forestation will take place: Boggs is expected to order 600,000 conifer seedlings which must be paid for up front. Calfire has a program that could provide funding and the NRCS EQIP is another possible source. There is widespread community concern that healthy trees are being removed but this may be a misperception. For example, some oaks burned out completely from the inside and have no structural integrity, but may still look green. Desmond will attend a workshop to be held on October 28 in San Andreas, and the hope is that NRCS can put on a similar event here in Lake County.

Brandon: on September 28 attended a stakeholder meeting in Davis to develop a comprehensive trails and recreational plan for the new Berryessa Snow Mountain national monument and the surrounding region.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 There is a vacancy on the EL RCD Board of Directors created by Charlotte Ambrose's resignation. Aigner moved and Desmond seconded to advertise for applicants for the position.

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

10.2 Discussion of participation in CARCD Solid Ground capacity-building program: this is an opportunity for the consolidated district to explore.

10.3 Discussion of participation in upcoming RCD conferences. No one is available to attend the Sacramento Valley conference on October 20. Aigner will attend the CARCD conference to be held at Yosemite on November 18-21.

## 11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board.

Lincoln will try to arrange a tour of the proposed Wild Diamond Vineyard in connection with the November 12 meeting.

Juntunen announced that the Annual Heroes for Health and Safety fair will be held at the Fairgrounds on October 17, and will send the flyer.

## 12. ADJOURN

At 6:12PM Aigner moved and Desmond seconded to **adjourn the meeting**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: none