



## Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

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### Minutes

#### Meeting of the

#### GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Thursday, December 18, 2014 2:45 -3:45 pm

**Location:** Gold Ridge RCD Office: 2776 Sullivan Rd, Sebastopol, CA 95472  
*Call for directions*

**Time:** 2:45 -3:45pm followed by a Holiday Open House 4 - 7pm

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS**
- II. The meeting was called to order at 2:55 pm.
- III. **Directors present:** Joe Dutton, Richard Hughes, Don Petersen, Ann Cassidy
- IV. **Directors absent:** Jill Butler
- V. **Associate Directors present:** Al Gerhardt, Bob Burke, Torrey Olson
- VI. **Staff present:** Brittany Heck, Joe Pozzi, Adriana Stagnaro, Mare O'Connor
- VII. **Others present:** Susan Hoey Lees
  
- VIII. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B))**
  
- IX. **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)).
  
- X. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
  - 4-1 **Correspondence and Notices/Additional Agenda Items-** Brittany Heck
    - *Brittany suggests we elect directors every 4 years.*
  
  - 4-2 **NRCS Report**
    - *Thank you to William Hart's work under the cooperative agreement. 65 ECP contracts were secured.*
    - *Year End Numbers: Sonoma & Marin counties secured \$3.4 million on about 48,902 acres. Sonoma County alone had \$2.3 million on about 31,900 acres.*
    - *85 total contracts were funded in 2014: 7 CSP's, 25 EQIP or CAP's, 20 Organic, and 33 Drought-related contracts.*

- *New Farm Bill will begin signing up applicants in quarterly batches. Applicants are strongly encouraged to have a conservation plan in hand when applying.*
- *NRCS Client Gateway began Dec 2, 2014.*

**4-3 Financial and Sustainability Committee Report- Brittany Heck**

- *An MOU was signed into with the county*
- *We have been receiving donations from our year end request.*

**XI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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*Motion to approve Consent Calendar*

*1<sup>st</sup> Ann Cassidy /2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Hughes*

*Ayes: Hughes, Cassidy, Petersen, Dutton*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: Butler*

**XII. ACTION ITEMS**

**6-1 Approval of NRCS Report**

*Motion to approve NRCS Report*

*1<sup>st</sup> Ann Cassidy /2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Hughes*

*Ayes: Hughes, Cassidy, Petersen, Dutton*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: Butler*

**6-2 Approval of Financial Report/Warrant Request**

*Motion to approve Financial Report/Warrant Request*

*1<sup>st</sup> Richard Hughes /2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Cassidy*

*Ayes: Hughes, Cassidy, Petersen, Dutton, Butler*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: None*

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT AND AGENDA SETTING Meeting closed at 3:37 pm**

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