



PUBLIC NOTICE
Special Meeting of the:
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
Attachments available 3/29/20 at www.honeylakevalleyrcd.org

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Location: HELD REMOTELY Via ZOOM

This Virtual Meeting is held pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020 that directs Californians to follow public health directives including canceling large gatherings. The Executive Order also allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via conference calls while still satisfying state transparency requirements. Executive Order N-33-20, prohibits people from leaving their homes or places of residence except to access necessary supplies and services or to engage in specified critical infrastructure employment.

Note: Pursuant to the Brown Act, Section 54953(b)(2). Section (b) (2) requires that all votes taken during a teleconference meeting shall be by roll call. Any agenda item may be discussed in a different order, if necessary. The Board may take action whether items are listed as action, information or discussion. The meeting is being held solely by remote means and will be made accessible to members of the public seeking to attend and address the Board solely through the phone number set forth below.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Time: **2:00 PM**

AGENDA

NOTE: THE HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT MAY ADVISE ACTION ON ANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS SHOWN BELOW.

NOTE: IF YOU NEED A DISABILITY-RELATED MODIFICATION OR ACCOMMODATION, INCLUDING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE AT LEAST A DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

I. CALL TO ORDER. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD leadership & organizational capacity.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Per RCD Board Policy No. 5030.4.1, during this portion of the meeting, any member of the public is permitted to make a brief statement, express his/her viewpoint, or ask a question regarding matters related to the District. Five (5) minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty (20) minutes to each subject matter.

IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION – RCD

- A. Consideration and approval to sign a letter of support (attached) for SB716 (McQuire) that proposes to extend the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act (HREA) that is set to sunset on January 1, 2022.

Tie to the Strategic Plan - Strategic Issue 3: Capture conservation opportunities, as appropriate.

V. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION– WATERMASTER

- A. Consideration and Approval to pay BBK March 2021 Invoices #898994 (\$1,974.51) and #898995 (\$1,702.59) (attachments).

Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1.4 – Watermaster services are professionally provided.

- B. Discussion of Lozano Smith Final Payment Request Letter

Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1.4 – Watermaster services are professionally provided.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next Honey Lake Valley RCD meeting will be **April 22, 2021, 5:30pm PDT** via Zoom Teleconference Video Call.

I certify that on Monday, March 29, 2021 agendas were posted as required by Government Code Section 54956 and any other applicable law.

Carrie Adams
Deputy Watermaster

March __, 2021

The Honorable Henry Stern
Chair, Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 716 (McGuire) – The Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Stern,

On behalf of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) and the undersigned individual Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), we write to express our strong support for SB 716 (McGuire), a bill that seeks to extend the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act (HREA) that is set to sunset on January 1, 2022. HREA was enacted by AB 2193 (Gordon, 2014), a bill that not one legislator voted against in a policy hearing, fiscal hearing, or floor vote in either house.

California is home to 95 Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) that serve rural, urban, and suburban populations throughout the state. CARCD represents the network of RCDs comprised of conservation professionals and local experts committed to seeing our landscapes and communities thrive through the local services we provide and the relationships we have forged with our neighbors and colleagues. Many RCDs are at the forefront of preserving California's incredible biodiversity, working with landowners to implement projects and improve practices to enhance the many habitat types across the state.

The Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act was enacted to create a simplified permitting process at the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) for landowners, state and local government agencies, and conservation organizations to implement small-scale, voluntary habitat restoration and enhancement projects. The underlying basis for AB 2193 was that gaining the necessary agency approvals to implement habitat improvement and clean-water restoration projects can be time-consuming, complicated, and expensive, and, as a result, many project proponents forego opportunities to restore the natural resources under their care.

The expedited permit approval process for DFW created by AB 2193 is a proven success with more than 70 projects implemented to date and the number of projects implemented annually continues to grow. RCDs have utilized the process to implement critical habitat restoration projects in coastal counties from Monterey up to Humboldt, as well as in the inland counties of Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama. We anticipate more RCDs implementing restoration projects that that benefit from HREA in the years to come should SB 716 pass.

Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-82-20 highlights the critical role California's biodiversity plays in the state's communities and economy and that biodiversity is in decline. The Executive Order specifically calls out the need to "[i]mplement actions to increase the pace and scale of environmental restoration and land management efforts by streamlining the State's process to approve and facilitate these projects." HREA is a tool that already exists in the state's

toolbox to meet this need, enabling DFW to streamline the approval of voluntary habitat restoration projects and increase the pace and scale of implementing these projects. Extending the sunset by another five years and maintaining this successful policy will help implement EO N-82-20.

CARCD and our undersigned member RCDs are pleased to support SB 716 to extend the HREA. We are grateful to Senator McGuire for his leadership in authoring this bill and respectfully request your “Aye” vote when the bill is heard in committee.

Sincerely,

Karen Buhr
Executive Director
CARCD

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INVOICE SUMMARY

For Professional Services Rendered Through February 28, 2021:

Our Matter # 83697.00003
Re: DOW V. HONEY LAKE VALLEY RCD (CASE NO. C091965)

Current Fees:	\$	<u>252.00</u>
Total Current Billings For This Matter:	\$	252.00
Balance from Previous Statement:		4,340.34
Payments and Other Credits Received:		<u>(2,889.75)</u>
Prior Outstanding Balance:		1,450.59
Total Amount Due:	\$	<u><u>1,702.59</u></u>

INVOICE IS DUE AND PAYABLE UPON RECEIPT

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INVOICE SUMMARY

For Professional Services Rendered Through February 28, 2021:

Our Matter # 83697.00002
Re: DOW V. HONEY LAKE VALLEY RCD (CASE NO. C090304)

Current Fees:	\$	292.50
Current Reimbursable Costs:		<u>0.51</u>
Total Current Billings For This Matter:	\$	293.01
Balance from Previous Statement:		2,029.58
Payments and Other Credits Received:		<u>(348.08)</u>
Prior Outstanding Balance:		1,681.50
Total Amount Due:	\$	<u><u>1,974.51</u></u>

INVOICE IS DUE AND PAYABLE UPON RECEIPT



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March 22, 2021

VIA U.S. MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL: jclaypool@honeylakevalleyrcd.us

Jesse Claypool
Board Chair
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
170 Russel Avenue
Susanville, CA 96130

Re: J.J. Fleming, et al. vs. J.R. Bennett, et al.; Case No. 4573

Dear Mr. Claypool:

We have not received a response from the District regarding our requests that the District remit payment for the outstanding July and August 2020 invoices. Please advise whether the District is willing to work toward resolving this issue, and if so, what the District proposes would be a fair resolution. Please understand that this correspondence will constitute our final effort to resolve this issue amicably. If we cannot resolve this issue, our office will be forced to move forward legally to collect the amounts due on the outstanding unpaid invoices. Please advise how the District would like to proceed on or before April 5, 2021. Thank you.

Sincerely,

LOZANO SMITH

Mark Waterman

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