

HONEY LAKE VALLEY
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regular Meeting of the

WATER MASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC)

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017

Location: USDA Service Center, 170 Russell Avenue, Suite C, Susanville

Time: **5:30 PM**

NOTE: THE HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT WAC 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 BELOW PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A. Approval of 7/13/17 regular meeting minutes (attachment).

IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Consideration and approval of the Conference of North-State Watermaster Programs agenda (attachment) – Sims/Otto.

1. Draft agenda of North-State Watermaster Programs.

- B. Discussion of Lozano Smith legal opinion on third priority water rights (attachment) – Sims/Otto.
 - 1. Lozano Smith (Bill Curley) letter dated 7/3/17.
- C. Discussion of and response to RCD Vice-Chair Laurie Tippin's request for sponsorship of California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) annual conference (attachment) – Sims.
 - 1. CARCD 72nd Annual Conference flyer.
- D. Consideration and approval for WAC meetings to be held bi-monthly – Sims.

V. REPORTS

- A. Watermaster Report – Otto.
- B. RCD Report – Langston.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), committee members may make brief announcements or brief reports on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Honey Lake Valley RCD WAC meeting will be Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the USDA Service Center, 170 Russell Avenue, Suite C, Susanville.

I certify that on August 7, 2017 agendas were posted as required by Government Code Section 54956 and any other applicable law.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Wheeler for Mitch Otto

Mitch Otto
Deputy Water Master

HONEY LAKE VALLEY
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC)
Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2017

Location: USDA Service Center, 170 Russell Avenue, Suite C, Susanville

Present: Board: Daren Hagata Wayne Langston Mike Bartley
Todd Swickard Ramsey Wood

Staff: Ian Sims (telephonically) Mitch Otto

Attendees: Andrew Bertotti

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Board Chair Mike Bartley at 5:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a quorum was noted. All board present with the exception of Board Member Brad Hanson.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Ramsey Wood made a motion to approve the agenda, Board Member Daren Hagata seconded and the motion passed. All.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Approval of 5/11/17 regular meeting minutes.

Board Member Daren Hagata made a motion to approve the 5/11/17 minutes, Board Member Wood seconded and the motion passed. All.

V. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Consideration and approval of the French Ranch, owned by C. William Johnson, for inclusion into the Susan River Water Master Service Area (SRWMSA) – Otto.

BM Swickard made a motion to approve the French Ranch, owned by C. William Johnson, for inclusion into the Susan River Water Master Service Area (SRWMSA) and to forward to the RCD for approval, BM Hagata seconded and the motion passed. All.

B. Consideration and approval to fill unscheduled Baxter Creek WAC representative vacancy due to Dave Schroeder's appointment to HLRCD – Otto.

BM Swickard made a motion to have Andrew Bertotti fill unscheduled Baxter Creek WAC representative vacancy due to Dave Schroeder's appointment to HLRCD, BM Wood seconded, BM Hagata abstained and the motion passed.

VI. REPORTS

A. Watermaster Report – Otto.

Watermaster Mitch Otto stated all was going well with the river and streams.

B. RCD Report – Langston.

Board Member Langston gave the RCD report.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

No comments from WAC board members. District Manager Ian Sims suggested that bi-monthly WAC meetings be considered at the next WAC meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

BM Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, BM Langston seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm. All. The next regularly scheduled WAC meeting will be held Thursday, August 10, 2017 at the USDA Service Center, 170 Russell Avenue, Suite C, Susanville at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lee for Mitch Otto

Mitch Otto
Deputy Watermaster
Honey Lake Valley RCD

NEW! Conference of North-State Watermaster Programs

OCTOBER [input date]

[input location of meeting, Susanville?, occupancy 12-15]

This Conference is for organizations and people responsible for implementing and operating local Watermaster Programs in Siskiyou, Lassen and Modoc Counties (service areas that have been removed from the Department of Water Resources' program).

The purpose of this Conference is to share knowledge about infrastructure, operations, challenges and lessons learned since implementing a local program.

Each organization should send the following 4 representatives or alternate:

- 1 Board Member – the decision-making party
- 1 Additional Board member, committee member or person responsible for program
- 1 Administrator, Executive Secretary or person responsible for billing and reporting data
- 1 Watermaster Technician (the on-the-ground person)

To keep costs down, and the distance of travel, a short concise agenda has been created:

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| 11:00am | Introductions – Name, organization, title, length of time with the organization. |
| 11:15 | Roundtable – Explain infrastructure and operations, 20 minutes for each organization/county, provide handouts if available. |
| 12:15pm | Break for lunch. |
| 1:00 | Break-out groups to discuss challenges and lessons learned – Board Members/decision makers, Board/committee members, Administrators/Secretaries, and Watermasters. Prepare your topics ahead of time. |
| 1:45 | Roundtable – Share response to break-out session and determine need and frequency of future conferences. |
| 2:30 | Adjourn. |



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MEMORANDUM

**CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE
COMMUNICATIONS**

DATE: July 3, 2017 **CLIENT/MATTER:** 1839-01

TO: Watermaster of the Susan River Watermaster Service Area
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
c/o Board of Directors

FROM: William P. Curley, III
General Counsel

RE: Recommendation against wavier or deferral of assessments arising under
the controlling judgment and decree, as amended; third tier parties query

Honorable Board members and Executives:

I have been asked about the legal authority that applies to the question of the Watermaster of the Board's and Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District's ("District") ability to waive, defer or otherwise relieve a party to the governing adjudication decree from an assessment. The short answer is No; I do not believe that power to relieve the third tier interest holders, or any interest holder, is available to the Board. That power could be provided to the Board by the Court that has continuing jurisdiction on the adjudication.

My recommendation is based upon the following analysis.

The District sought to become, and was designated Watermaster of the Susan River Watermaster Service Area ("Area") effective January 1, 2008 pursuant to Court order ("Order"). This designation was ordered under Decree Case No. 4573. The Court, also in that Order, provided clear direction as to the management of the Area.

Section 8 of the Order requires a budget be created annually that shows "...the amount of money estimated to be necessary to pay the costs of administration...and shall propose an apportionment of the budgeted amount of money among the water rights holders..." within the Area.

(S0138309)

Further, the Court specified that the apportionment must be done pursuant to and in conformance with California "Water Code sections 4251 to 4254." Those sections ensure a fair allocation among all water rights holders. The Court did not give you, as Watermaster, the power to relieve some or all water rights holders from assessments. The Court's apparent goal was to ensure the decree is fully implemented to ensure the best possible circumstances for all of the water rights holders, not just a segment of the water rights holders.

The water rights holders are aware of the risks and benefits of being a water right holder. One must accept the Court's decree, or change it, as to the good and bad aspects arising under the judgment.

The decree seeks to achieve, in no specific order:

- a) Fair allocation among all rights holders;
- b) Sufficient funds for the Area to operate in a healthy, fair and necessary manner;
- c) Administrative efficiency and certainty;
- d) Adherence to State and common law;
- e) Certainty among all the water rights holders as to the management and operation of the Area;
- f) Balance the rights of all of the parties; and
- g) Efficient demonstration to the Court that it's Order was being followed without waiver.

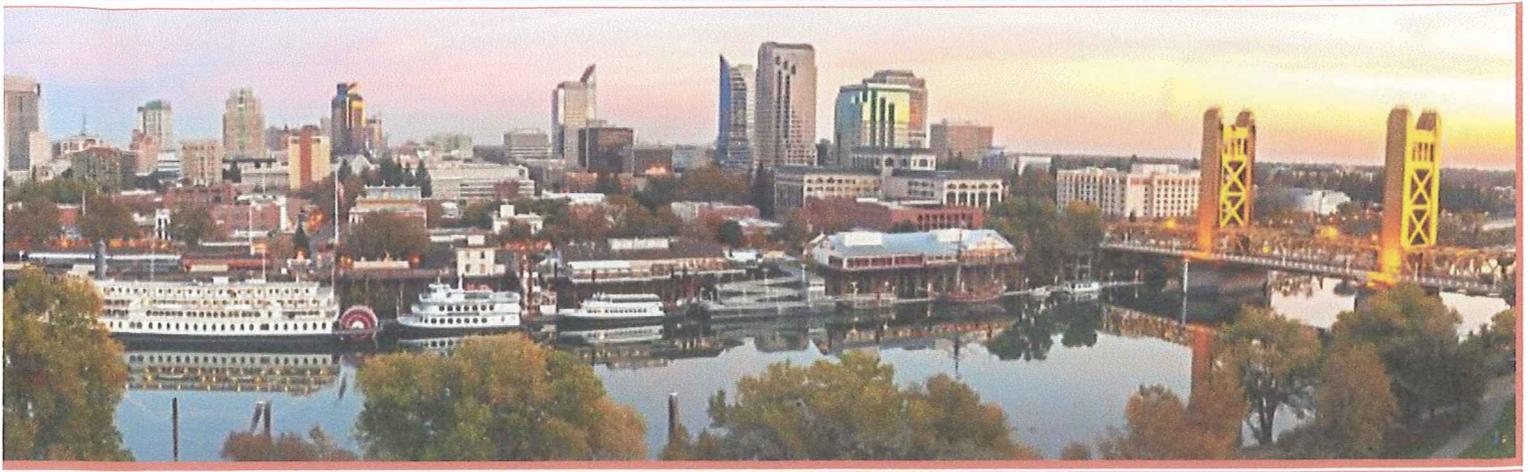
The interested parties here include every water rights holder, the Watermaster and staff and the Court. So as to honor the rights of all, I recommend the Court's Order as to budget creation and apportionment be followed without any deviation, absent Court approval to deviate.

We are available should you have any questions about this matter or any matter. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to you.

Respectfully,



William P. Curley, III



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California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

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CARCD's 72nd Annual Conference will be held in the Capitol of one of the most influential States in the country - California. California manifests success as a State by strong, inclusive, and collaborative relationships at every level. With an expected diverse 250 conservation professionals between boots-on-the-ground providers and State-wide partners, this event will provide the platform to build alliances, become acquainted with local programs, explore opportunities, and strengthen existing partnerships. Our conference offers over 3 days of networking, conversations with influential people, workshops, practical trainings, and small discussion groups. Collectively, RCDs and our partners hold the future of our lands and State together and will only triumph when we collaborate together. Join and engage with us for our 72nd Annual Conference this year in Sacramento to create a sustainable future.

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CARCD provides incentives to conference attendees to interact with sponsors in the exhibit hall. Conference participants include representatives from RCDs, government agencies, non-profits, businesses, and legislative officials throughout California.

Below are summaries of our top sponsorship levels and benefits. See the following page for more opportunities. CARCD also welcomes customized sponsorship options. Please contact Kristen Murphy at Kristen-murphy@carcd.org if interested in learning more.



CARCD sponsors regularly interact with conference goers one-on-one.

Conference Partner: \$10,000

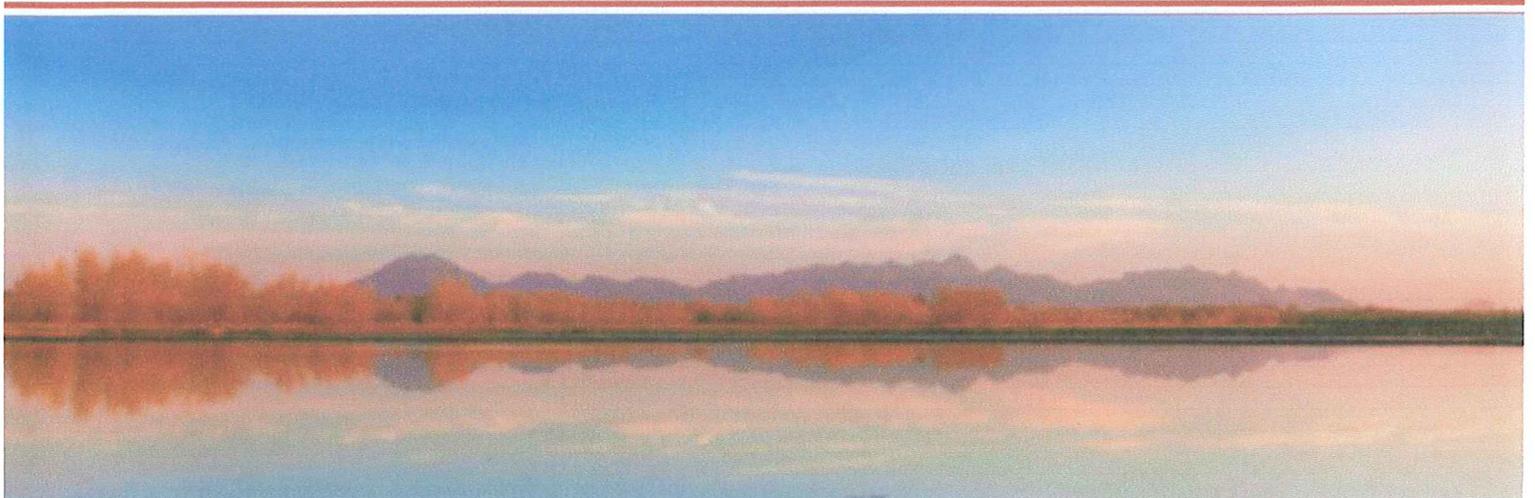
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Conservation Champion: \$5,000

Receive two full conference registrations, along with high visibility of your name and logo as a Conservation Champion. Directly reach our conference attendees through a quarter page ad in our agenda, promotional materials in goodie bags, an exposition booth & more.

Conservation Associate: \$2,500

This sponsorship level also includes prominent name placement, an exposition booth, one full conference registration (a \$385 value), and more. Get noticed with an eighth page ad in the conference agenda.



Sponsorship Benefits

Contact Kristen at Kristen-murphy@carcd.org if interested in becoming a sponsor!

Sponsorship Benefits	Conference Partner- \$10,000	Conservation Champion - \$5,000	Conservation Associate - \$2,500	Exhibitor - \$1,000 (Discounted to \$750 for small non-profits)	Conservation Friend – (RCD exclusive) \$500
Five minute speech at a full-conference session or meal	✓				
Meeting Attendee List	✓				
Sponsor Prominently Featured:					
On Tables at Opening Session	Logo and name				
Above the Registration Booth	Logo and name				
On Front of Agenda	Large Logo	Small Logo			
As Screen Display (In between all presentations)	Large: logo and name	Medium: logo and name	Listed Name		
On "Thank You" Posters In Each Conference Room	Large: logo and name	Medium: logo and name	Listed name	Listed name	Listed name
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On the CARCD Website	Large: logo and name (with link to your website)	Medium: logo and name	Listed name	Listed name	Listed name
Advertisement in Conference Agenda	Full page	Quarter page	Eighth page		
Promotional Materials in Conference Goodie Bags	✓	✓	✓		
Full Conference Registration (Includes 6 Meals)	3 (\$1,155 value)	2 (\$770 value)	1 (\$385 value)	1 (\$385 value)	1 (\$385 value)
Exposition Booth Space (Table and Two Chairs Included)	First choice for location and two tables	✓	✓	✓	✓

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