



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Board Meeting of the:**  
**Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District**  
**1516 Main Street**  
**Susanville, CA 96130**  
**(530) 260-0067**

Attachments available 04/20/26 at [www.honeylakevalleyrcd.us](http://www.honeylakevalleyrcd.us)

**Date: Thursday, April 23rd, 2026**

**Location: 1516 Main Street, Susanville CA 96130**

**Time: 3:30 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**

**III. INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER: CALEB GRIFFIN**

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

**IV. 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.

**V. CONSENT ITEMS –**

- A. Correspondence
- B. Meeting Minutes - 3/10/2026, 3/26/2026
- C. Financial Reports - attached

*Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD Leadership & Organizational Capacity.*

**VI. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION – RCD**

- A. Consideration and approval of the Goodrich Creek Home Ranch Meadow Restoration Project CEQA Notice of Exemption (attachment)

*Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 2 –Prioritize the Conservation Needs of the Community*

- B. Second Reading of the FY26/27 Draft RCD / WM Budget (attachment)

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- C. Consideration and discussion about purchase of tools for Cone Collection program

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- D. Consideration and ratification of MOU with Feather River RCD for BLM GNA Ponderosa Pine project (attachment)

*Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD Leadership & Organizational Capacity*

- E. Consideration and ratification of MOU with Lassen Land and Trails Trust for the Ravendale Madeline Water System Improvement project (attachment)

*Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 2 –Prioritize the Conservation Needs of the Community*

- F. Consideration and approval of revised Policy 2305. Time Keeping/Time Records (attachment)

*Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD Leadership & Organizational Capacity*

- G. Consideration and approval to adopt new Policy 2120 - Candidate Selection (attachment)

*Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD Leadership & Organizational Capacity*

- H. Consideration and discussion of MOU between RCD and SRWMSA for Old Channel Infrastructure (attachment)

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## **VII. REPORTS**

- A. District Manager Report – Siemer (attachment)  
B. Watermaster / WAC Report  
C. CARCD Report – Hanson  
D. Unagendized reports by board members

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Honey Lake Valley RCD meeting will be **May 21st at 3:30 PM.** The location is 1516 Main Street, Susanville, CA.

*I certify that on Monday, April 20th, 2026 agendas were posted as required by Government Code Section 54956 and any other applicable law.*

**X** 

Kelsey Siemer, District Manager



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SPECIAL Board Meeting of the:**  
**Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District**  
**1516 Main Street**  
**Susanville, CA 96130**  
**530260067**

Attachments available 03/09/2026 at [www.honeylakevalleyrccd.us](http://www.honeylakevalleyrccd.us)

**Date: Tuesday, March 10th, 2026**  
**Location: 1516 Main Street, Susanville CA 96130**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**\*votes taken via role call\***

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

Board member Will Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:05AM, and a quorum was noted. Board member Jesse Claypool was absent.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board member Robin Hanson made a motion to approve the agenda. Board member Laurie Tippin seconded, and the motion passed. All.

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**III. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

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**IV. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION - 11:08AM**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION, (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: M.A. STEINER CONSTRUCTION, INC. v. HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, et al., Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 26CV000157

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**V. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - 11:19AM**

No reportable action

**VI. CONSENT ITEMS –**

- A. Correspondence
- B. Financial Reports - attached
- C. Meeting Minutes - 8/18/2025, 1/22/2026, 2/11/2026

Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Board member Robin Hanson seconded and the motion passed. All.

*Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD Leadership & Organizational Capacity.*

**VII. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION – RCD**

- A. Consideration and approval of Modoc Line Rail Trail Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project CEQA Notice of Exemption (attachment)

Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to approve the NOE. Board member Robin Hanson seconded and the motion passed. All.

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- B. Consideration and approval of contract for professional services with Carl Jackovich (attachment)

Board member Robin Hanson made a motion to approve the contract. Board member Wayne Langston seconded and the motion passed. All.

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- C. Consideration and approval of Mid-Year Budget Amendment (attachment)

Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to approve the mid-year budget amendment. Board member Wayne Langston seconded and the motion passed. All.

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- D. Discussion and direction to staff on updating policies associated with position recruitment & employee selection.

Held

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- E. Discussion and possible action on wage increases for all RCD staff

Tabled.

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**VIII. REPORTS**

A. District Manager Report – Siemer (attachment)

Kelsey gave updates on current administrative duties, grant projects, and future applications

None B. Watermaster / WAC Report – Langston

None C. Unagendized reports by board members

**IX. ADJOURNMENT - 1:40PM**

The next Honey Lake Valley RCD meeting will be **March 26th, 2026, at 3:30 PM.**  
The location is 1516 Main Street, Susanville, CA.

*Respectfully Submitted,*



Kelsey Siemer  
District Manager

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Laurie Tippin, RCD Board  
Secretary / Treasurer

DATE: 04/23/2026



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**Location: 1516 Main Street, Susanville CA 96130**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**\*votes taken via role call\***

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

Board member Jesse Claypool called the meeting to order at 3:34PM, and a quorum was noted. Board member Wayne Langston was absent.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to approve the agenda, Board member Will Johnson seconded, and the motion passed. All.

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**III. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

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**IV. CONSENT ITEMS –**

A. Correspondence

B. Financial Reports - attached

Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Board member Will Johnson seconded and the motion passed. All.

## **V. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION - RCD**

A. Review, provide comment, and approve Goodrich Creek Home Ranch Meadow Restoration Project CEQA Statutory Exemption for Restoration projects (SERP) concurrence request (attachment)

Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to approve the SERP concurrence request. Board member Robin Hanson seconded and the motion passed. All.

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B. Consideration, discussion, and approval of FY 24/25 Audit and Financial Management Report (attachment)

Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to approve the reports, Board member Robin Hanson seconded and the motion passed. All.

*Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD Leadership & Organizational Capacity*

C. First Reading of the FY26/27 Draft RCD Budget (attachment)

Held

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D. Consideration, discussion and action regarding Board Vacancy recommendation

Board member Robin Hanson made a motion to approve David Lile as the recommendation, Board members Laurie Tippin seconded and the motion passed. All.

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E. Consideration and approval of Sole Source Justification for Contractor Carl Jackovich (attachment)

Board member Robin Hanson made a motion to approve the justification, Board member Will Johnson seconded and the motion passed. All.

*Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD Leadership & Organizational Capacity*

F. Consideration and approval of authority for the District Manager to offer and sign MOU with Feather River RCD for BLM GNA Ponderosa Pine project

Board member Robin Hanson made a motion to approve the authority, Board member Will Johnson seconded and the motion passed. All.

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G. Consideration and approval of authority for the District Manager to offer and sign MOU with Lassen Land and Trails Trust for the Ravendale Madeline Water System Improvement project

Board member Robin Hanson made a motion to approve the authority, Board member Will Johnson seconded and the motion passed. All.

*Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 2 –Prioritize the Conservation Needs of the Community*

H. Consideration, discussion, and possible action on Resolution 2026-01 requesting independent special district membership on the LAFCo of Lassen County (attachment)

Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to not sign the Resolution, Board member Robin Hanson seconded and the motion passed. All.

***Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD Leadership & Organizational Capacity***

- I. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding wage increases for all RCD staff

Board member Will Johnson made a motion for all staff to receive a 3% raise effective April 5, 2026, Board member Jesse Claypool seconded. Board members Jesse Claypool and Will Johnson voted yes, Board member Laurie Tippin voted no, and the motion passed.

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- J. Consideration and approval to rename and amend Policy 2110. Job Posting - Application Period to 2110. Job Posting and Outreach (attachment)

Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to approve the amended policy, Board member Will Johnson seconded and the motion passed. All.

***Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD Leadership & Organizational Capacity***

- K. Consideration and approval to rescind the following policies: 2120. Entry Level Positions, 2130. Selection Process, & 2140. Selection Process - Non-Entry Level Job Openings - Outside Applicants.

Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to rescind the policies, Board member Will Johnson seconded and the motion passed. All.

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- L. Consideration and approval to adopt new Policy 2120 - Candidate Selection (attachment)

Item tabled.

***Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD Leadership & Organizational Capacity.***

**VI. REPORTS**

- A. District Manager Report – Siemer (attachment)

Kelsey gave updates on current grant projects, pending grant applications, and administrative duties.

- B. Watermaster / WAC Report

Updates from the March meeting were given.

- C. CARCD Report

None

- D. Unagendized reports by board members

None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT - 7:22PM**

The next Honey Lake Valley RCD meeting will be **February 26th at 3:30 PM.** The location is 1516 Main Street, Susanville, CA.

*Respectfully Submitted,*



Kelsey Siemer  
District Manager

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Laurie Tippin, RCD Board  
Secretary / Treasurer

DATE: 04/23/2026

# NOTICE OF CEQA EXEMPTION

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**To:** Lassen County Clerk  
220 South Lassen Street  
Susanville, CA 96130

**From:** Honey Lake Valley RCD  
1516 Main Street  
Susanville, CA 96130  
530-260-0067

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Project Title:**

Goodrich Creek Meadow Restoration Project

**Project Location:**

The Goodrich Creek Meadow Restoration Project is located northeast of the town of Westwood, CA in Section 35, Township & Range T29N R09E, Section 2, Township & Range T28N R09E, WESTWOOD EAST USGS Topo Quad.

**Project Description:**

The primary goal of the project is to address source problems that led to channel incision and meadow degradation in the meadow and to recover hydrologic and ecological processes that created and maintained meadow function prior to human alterations. The design will achieve this goal through the following mechanisms:

- Increasing floodplain connectivity in oversized and incised meadow channels.
- Decreasing stream power in the meadow system by reactivating historic remnant channels in key locations.
- Increasing channel and floodplain complexity by promoting the growth of riparian and emergent vegetation.

The restored hydrology and improved floodplain function will promote more vigorous growth of mesic meadow plant species, enhance summer flow conditions, and improve water quality by eliminating eroding banks and filtering flood flows on the meadow floodplain surface. The project includes a variety of treatment techniques to raise the water table and spread flow across the floodplain, including riffle augmentation, cross vane structures for channels receiving riffle augmentation, beaver dam analogs and/or post-assisted log structures in the upstream most reach, channel fill treatments in the Goodrich North channel, and ditch fill. Fill material for riffle augmentation will be “pit run” and consist of an unsorted mixture of silt, sand, gravel, and rocks. Fill material for rock riffles will be sourced from the nearby Round Mountain Pit, while sodded riffles will utilize material harvested from the nearby floodplain. Material to fill the channel would consist of imported fill. Equipment would be used to transport fill material to the channel, place it, and shape the final surface to match the floodplain slope. Sod will be salvaged and placed over the final surface, where present. Riffle augmentation and channel fill for Goodrich Creek would require excavation and placement, using heavy equipment. Ditch fill will be floodplain material. An estimated 14,060 cubic yards of fill volume would be used for this project. After the construction of riffle augmentation, cross vane, and ditch fill treatments, riparian trees and shrubs such as willow, aspen, and

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cottonwood would be planted along and adjacent to treated areas. Implementation will require managing flows throughout the project area to avoid water quality impairment and create conditions for instream work, including use of heavy equipment. The majority of the flow will be diverted during construction by using the existing diversion infrastructure and ditches above the project area. Additional steps could include building temporary coffer dams at the north and south channel diffidence at the top of the project area to adjust water levels to direct flow into the Goodrich South or Goodrich North channel as necessary. The north channel in the project area will be entirely dewatered prior to implementing the complete channel fill treatments. To minimize any fish stranding or mortality, the team will plan to complete a fish rescue effort at the onset of water diversion activities in the north channel within the project area and as far downstream as is deemed necessary by fish experts on the team. The Project is expected to provide the following benefits:

**Geomorphic and Hydrologic Function:** The design approach would minimize erosion and improve habitat conditions. The expected outcomes include improved lateral connectivity between the stream channel and floodplain, contributing to groundwater recharge, late season stream flow, attenuation and delay of peak flows, and floodplain aggradation. Reducing the existing channel capacities to a much smaller capacity (ca. 20-50 cfs) will ensure flood flows will access the floodplain more frequently.

- **Aquatic Function:** Restoration actions will contribute to good water quality, characterized by low turbidity from reduced erosion and cool water temperatures. The treatments will prevent future degradation and increase aquatic habitat heterogeneity.
- **Floodplain and Riparian Vegetation:** The project will increase total riverine habitat by reactivating the historic network of flowpaths on the meadow surface. Restored hydrology and groundwater levels will support diverse riparian and meadow plant communities. Revegetation efforts will include planting native riparian trees and shrubs in the riparian corridor, expanding food sources for meadow birds.
- **Increased Habitat for Sensitive Meadow Species:** Goodrich Creek Home Ranch's location at the intersection of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges makes it a hotspot for biodiversity. The Mountain Meadows complex has an existing, large population of breeding Greater Sandhill Crane and, if restored, has high potential to support a large population of Willow Flycatcher and Yellow Warbler.

The approaches proposed may require adaptive management with future maintenance until the meadow system is recovering in a self-sustaining manner. Channel fill and other form-based structures typically do not require any more than one or two years of maintenance following implementation. Post-restoration work also includes continued monitoring per the Home Ranch Conservation Plan. Point Blue and Feather River Land Trust (FRLT) will monitor compliance with the terms of the Conservation Easement and evaluate project performance and compliance with the grazing management plan. We will conduct periodic effectiveness ecological monitoring post-implementation as funding

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allows. We have rich pre-project datasets on soil carbon, vegetation, stream channel condition, and birds.

### **Exempt Status (Guidelines Section and Class): Statutory Exemption:**

CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS (SERP), (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080.56, subd. (e).)

### **Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Honey Lake Valley RCD has determined the Project is exclusively a project to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend, and a project to restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife. The project features are dedicated to the restoration of hydrologic function and improvement of the meadow. The restored hydrology and improved floodplain function will promote more vigorous growth of mesic meadow plant species, enhance summer flow conditions, and improve water quality by eliminating eroding banks and filtering flood flows on the meadow floodplain surface. The Honey Lake Valley RCD has determined that the Project does both of the following: (1) Results in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery; and (2) Includes procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment.

Restoration of floodplain hydrology in montane meadows has been shown to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon sequestration at rates comparable to restoration activities in other inland and tidal wetlands. Montane wet meadows have high concentrations of soil carbon and may contain as much carbon belowground as the surrounding forest contains above- and belowground. Disconnection of floodplain hydrology alters plant-soil-water relationships and can result in high rates of soil carbon loss to the atmosphere. Hydrologic restoration increases the growth of productive hydric and mesic vegetation that provide fresh carbon inputs to the soil and reestablish conditions for net soil carbon sequestration. Geomorphic restoration techniques (including channel fill and biogenic structures) have been widely successful at increasing groundwater levels and water storage capacity in montane meadows. Restoration of floodplain hydrology has also been shown to decrease the magnitude of flood peaks during winter and spring snowmelt. There is also some evidence that increased groundwater storage as a result of geomorphic restoration may result in increased baseflows and cooler summer stream temperatures, increasing watershed resilience to climate change. Higher levels of soil moisture following meadow restoration may also influence wildfire behavior in the surrounding uplands and provide valuable refugia for wildlife during and after wildfires.

The Project will result in long-term net benefits to biodiversity by enhancing degraded wet meadow habitat. Increasing wetness, vegetation structural complexity and diversity, as well as more frequent flooding will promote higher quality wildlife habitat. The Project is expected to benefit birds as has been

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demonstrated for similar wet meadow restoration projects in the Sierra Nevada region, including several species of conservation concern (e.g., greater sandhill crane, willow flycatcher, yellow warbler) that breed in or near the Project area. The Project includes revegetation with willows and other riparian deciduous shrubs and trees, which should increase habitat suitability for beavers which are currently limited to the very upper section of the Project area. The Project also aims to decrease water temperature and improve conditions for native aquatic species by reconnecting floodplain hydrology and increasing the cover of riparian shrubs that shade the streams.

The Project has the potential to benefit at least four species of conservation concern that currently use the Project area or have strong potential to use the Project area, including sandhill crane, willow flycatcher, yellow warbler, and gray wolf. Sandhill cranes are a State-endangered species that are known to use the Project area. The habitat requirements of sandhill crane are consistent with a hydrologically functional wet meadow that the Project seeks to create. Willow flycatcher is a State-endangered species that does not currently use the Project area, but does occur just 3 miles away in Westwood, CA. Habitat requirements for willow flycatcher include dense stands of willows and, in the Sierra Nevada region, a hydrologically functional wet meadow. They are also more likely to occur in areas with higher beaver activity. Increased willow coverage, hydrologic functionality, and beaver activity are all goals of the Project, so the Project will hopefully create conditions that attract breeding willow flycatcher.

The Honey Lake Valley RCD has determined that the Project does not include any construction activities, except for construction activities solely related to habitat restoration. The purpose of the project is to restore the meadow floodplain function by re-establishing the channel-floodplain connection. The project is designed to eliminate channel incision and reactivate historic flow-paths on the meadow surface to enhance meadow conditions and ecosystem health. Any construction activities are directly related to these objectives. Treatments include:

- Riffle augmentation will treat incised channels by raising the base elevation of existing riffles.
- Post-Assisted Log Structures (PALs) or Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) may be constructed in the meadow if the upper reach of Goodrich North proves too wet for equipment access.
- Channel fill treatments are proposed in the Goodrich North channel in the lower half of the project area (e.g. downstream of the chimney). The Goodrich North channel is suspected to have been anthropogenically altered (e.g., straightened) to drain much of the meadow. Channel fill treatments in Goodrich North will help reactivate remnant flowpaths, increase channel sinuosity, and reduce water surface heights and shear stress on meadow soils.
- Cross vanes structures are proposed for all channels receiving riffle augmentation treatments. These structures would be built at the bottom of the APE in each channel to provide grade control for upstream riffles and

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to transition the finished grade to the existing channel grade below the APE.

- Ditch fill will occur to reduce flow conveyance down artificial features, restore natural drainage pathways, and reactivate historic remnant channels. Short reaches of ditches may be left unfilled (partial fill) to create habitat complexity. Linear channels and ditches will be filled following the same techniques as sodded riffle treatments described above.
- Revegetation using local native materials

### Public Agencies that will be involved with the project:

Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife

### Lead Agency Contact Person:

Kelsey Siemer, District Manager  
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District  
530-260-0067

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 04/23/2026  
Jesse Claypool, Chairman  
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District

### ATTEST:

I, Kelsey Siemer, Clerk of the Board of Directors, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, do hereby certify that the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District approved this Notice of Exemption on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2026 by the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelsey Siemer, Clerk of the Board of Directors  
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
And  
THE FEATHER RIVER RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is entered into by the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (HLVRCD), located at 1516 Main Street, Susanville, CA, and the Feather River Resource Conservation District (FRRCD), located at N. 422 Mill Creek Rd., Quincy, CA. HLVRCD and FRRCD sometimes will be collectively referred to herein as the “Parties” or “Districts”. Both Parties are Special Districts created pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Division 9, Chapter 3.

**RECITALS**

- A. The Parties are Resource Conservation Districts formed for the control of runoff, the prevention or control of soil erosion, and the improvement of land capabilities pursuant to California Public Resources Code sections 9151 et seq.
- B. The Parties are authorized pursuant to Public Resources Code section 9408, subdivision (a), to cooperate with each other in furtherance of the provisions of Division 9 of the Public Resources Code, and to that end may accept and use any contributions of funds, labor, materials, etc. available to the Districts for accomplishing the purposes of the Districts.
- C. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage the Districts to facilitate cooperation to address resource issues of local concern pursuant to Public Resource Code section 9408, subdivision (b).
- D. The Parties are authorized pursuant to Public Resources Code section 9409 to make improvements or conduct operations on private lands, with the consent of the owners thereof, in furtherance of the prevention or control of soil erosion, water conservation, wildlife enhancement and erosion stabilization.
- E. The HLVRCD entered into a Good Neighbor Authority Agreement with the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Eagle Lake Field Office on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for rangeland restoration projects, including the Ponderosa Tree Planting Project (Project).
- F. The Project proposes to plant up to 53,000 ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) seedlings on an estimated 325 acres of public land located within Plumas County:

Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDBM) Township 29 North, Range 7 East, Section 35 (map attached).

- G. Approximately 325 acres of the proposed treatment areas are located within the service area of FRRCD.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

**I. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.**

The Parties agree the Recitals described above are true and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference and made a part of this MOA.

**II. COOPERATION.**

The FRRCD agrees to allow the HVRCD to serve as Project Lead for the Ponderosa Tree Planting Project, located within the service area of the FRRCD.

**III. TERM/TERMINATION.**

This MOA shall commence on the date of last signature and shall continue through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This MOA may be extended for a period of time longer than the Termination Date upon a written amendment signed by the Parties.

**IV. CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS.**

No part of this MOA may be modified, altered, amended, waived, or changed without the express written consent of the Parties hereto.

**V. CONTACTS.**

Communication necessary to carry out this MOA will occur through the following contacts for each Party.

**FRRCD:**

Michael Hall, District Manager

Telephone: 530-927-5299

Email: [mhall@frrcd.org](mailto:mhall@frrcd.org)

**HVRCD:**

Kelsey Siemer, District Manager

Telephone: 530-260-0067

Email: [kmarks@honeylakevalleyrcd.us](mailto:kmarks@honeylakevalleyrcd.us)

**VI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

No member, official or employee of FRRCD or HLVRCD shall have any personal interest, direct or indirect, in this MOA nor shall any such member, official or employee participate in any decision relating to this MOA which affects his or her personal interests or the interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested.

**VII. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.**

This MOA is made and entered into for the sole protection and benefit of the Parties hereto. No other person or entity shall have any right of action based upon the provisions of this MOA.

**VIII. ASSIGNMENT.**

This MOA shall not be assigned by either Party, either in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the non-assigning Party. Any assignment or purported assignment of this MOA without the prior written consent of the non-assigning Party will be deemed void and of no force or effect.

**IX. ENTIRE MOA.**

This MOA embodies the entire agreement between the Parties hereto in relation to the subject matter hereof, and no other agreement or understanding, verbal or otherwise, relative to this subject matter exists between the Parties at the time of execution of this MOA.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this MOA to be signed and made effective as of the last date written below.

**FEATHER RIVER RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**HONEY LAKE VALLEY  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
TO TRANSFER AND MAINTAIN THE RAVENDALE AND MADELINE WATER SYSTEM  
IMPROVEMENTS**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 (“Effective Date”) among the HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, hereinafter called "HLVRCD", and the LASSEN LAND AND TRAILS TRUST, hereinafter called "LLTT", and collectively as the AGENCIES.

**RECITALS**

- A. WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board are administering a grant program for Integrated Regional Water Management or “IRWM” Proposition 1 Round 2 Implementation Grants and;
- B. WHEREAS, HLVRCD and LLTT, each hereinafter individually called "AGENCY" and collectively "AGENCIES", are willing to cooperate and work collaboratively with the communities of Ravendale and Madeline in Lassen County to complete water system improvements as described on Exhibit ‘A’ attached hereto (“Project”); and
- C. WHEREAS, the AGENCIES collaborated on a successful Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant (Grant Agreement No. 4600015403) for water system improvements, to address a significant need for public infrastructure and conservation projects in Lassen County; and
- D. WHEREAS, the AGENCIES have the authority and willingness to act in the best interest of the region in planning and implementing IRWM efforts; and
- E. WHEREAS, HLVRCD is willing to take the lead role in contracting for construction and implementing funded efforts on behalf of LLTT for the communities of Ravendale and Madeline; and
- F. WHEREAS, in the IRWM Grant Agreement for the Project, LLTT is designated as the Local Project Sponsor, which empowers LLTT to act on behalf of HLVRCD for the purposes of project management, oversight, compliance, and operations and maintenance of the water system improvements; and
- G. WHEREAS, the AGENCIES have the institutional and fiscal capacity and systems to carryout construction and maintenance efforts; and
- H. WHEREAS, the AGENCIES are willing to provide funding or in-kind assistance as set forth herein in and as mutually agreeable; and
- I. WHEREAS, The AGENCIES will each benefit from their participation in this MOU:

NOW, THEREFORE, the AGENCIES hereby agree as follows:

- 1. HLVRCD shall facilitate the completion of work required to administer construction of the Project, and to complete required reporting for the Project.
- 2. LLTT shall accept ownership of the water system improvements for the communities of Ravendale and Madeline after Project closeout, and will maintain the water system improvements in perpetuity.
- 3. Each AGENCY hereby designates its General Manager or Chief Executive to represent its board as the person charged with the authority to review and approve the IRWM Project; and authorizes the AGENCY’s General Manager or Chief Executive to approve and execute documents, and to make changes as needed to contracts or other needed documents to implement the transfer and maintenance of the IRWM funded water system improvements to the maximum benefit of the communities of Ravendale and Madeline.

4. The efforts provided for in this MOU aggregate, compile and integrate existing plans, documents and agreements. Nothing in these plans documents or actions limits the authority of the AGENCIES or their powers or modifies any of the referenced plans, ordinances or actions of the AGENCIES, committee members, or stakeholders.
5. Nothing within this agreement or referenced in this MOU binds the parties beyond the scope or term of this MOU unless specifically documented in subsequent MOUs or contracts nor required commitment of funding beyond those voluntarily committed by separate board actions but recognizes in-kind contributions of AGENCIES and stakeholders.
6. This MOU may be terminated by a consensus of the AGENCIES with 60 days notice to all AGENCIES and stakeholders. The initial term of this MOU is from its Effective Date to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ and shall continue unless extended or replaced by other agreements.
7. Withdrawal of AGENCIES or addition of other agencies is allowed with concurrence of the parties after the initial term of the MOU.
8. Any notices sent or required to be sent to any party shall be mailed to the following addresses:

HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
1516 Main Street  
Susanville, CA 96130  
Attn: \_

LASSEN LAND AND TRAILS TRUST  
601 Richmond Road  
Susanville, CA 96130  
Attn:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
Division of Regional Assistance  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236

9. Each AGENCY, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall indemnify and hold harmless the other AGENCIES, their consultants, and each of their directors, officers, agents, and employees, from and against all liability, claims, damages, losses, expenses and other costs, including costs of defense and attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from, or in connection with the performance of the work performed pursuant to this MOU, such obligation shall not apply as to any loss, damage or injury, as may be caused solely and exclusively by the fault or negligence of an AGENCY indemnified.
10. This MOU is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
11. If any provision of this MOU is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be declared severable and shall be given full force and effect to the extent possible.
12. Any action at law or in equity brought by any of the AGENCIES for the purpose of enforcing a right or rights provided for by this MOU shall be tried in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Lassen, State of California, and the AGENCIES waive all provisions of law providing for change of venue in such proceedings to any other county.
13. This MOU is the result of negotiations between the AGENCIES hereto and with the advice and assistance of their respective counsel. No provision contained herein shall be construed against HLVRCD solely because, as a matter of convenience, it prepared this MOU in final form.
14. Any waiver by AGENCIES of any breach by the other of any one or more of the terms of this MOU shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term hereof. Failure on the part of any of the respective AGENCIES to require from the

others exact, full and complete compliance with any terms of the MOU shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms hereof, or stopping the respective AGENCIES from enforcement hereof.

15. This MOU may be executed and delivered in any number of counterparts or copies, hereinafter called "COUNTERPART", by the parties hereto. When each party has signed and delivered at least one COUNTERPART to the other parties hereto, each COUNTERPART shall be deemed an original and, taken together, shall constitute one and the same MOU, which shall be binding and effective as to the parties hereto.
16. This MOU is intended by the AGENCIES as their final expression with respect to the matters herein, and is a complete and exclusive statement of the terms and conditions thereof. This MOU shall not be changed or modified except by the written consent of all parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
(to be filled in by Clerk of the Board)

**HONEY LAKE VALLEY  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesse Claypool  
Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kelsey Siemer  
District Manager

**LASSEN LAND AND TRAILS TRUST**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
[NAME]  
[TITLE]

**POLICY TITLE: Time Keeping/Time Records**  
**POLICY NUMBER: 2305**

**2305.1** It is the responsibility of every non-exempt employee to accurately record time worked. Federal and state laws require the District to keep an accurate record of time worked in order to calculate employee pay and benefits. Time worked is the time actually spent on the job performing assigned duties, less meal periods.

**2305.2** Overtime compensation will be paid to qualified hourly employees. Overtime work must always be approved by the supervisor before it is performed. In accordance with Federal law, the District rounds this time to the nearest one-quarter hour (15 minutes).

**2305.3** It is the employee's responsibility to timely sign and submit their his/her time record certifying the accuracy of all time recorded for compensation. With the current electronic payroll system, certification occurs when the employee submits an email to their supervisor identifying that their time record is ready for electronic approval.

**POLICY TITLE: Candidate Selection**  
**POLICY NUMBER: 2120**

**2120.1** The Honey Lake Valley candidate selection process is a merit-based process. The basic principle of the District's merit-based process requires that individuals hired must be selected on the basis of their job-related qualifications and that such selection decisions be free of illegal discrimination. The selection process will ensure that selections are made in a way that is objective, impersonal, and equitable, and tie the job's requirements to the individual's skills. This candidate selection policy applies to all employees and Board members who are involved in hiring.

**2120.2** The District Manager, or assigned Board member in the absence of the District Manager, is authorized to conduct the candidate selection process in a timely manner. Utilization of other employees or Board members in the process is permissible, if desired. If interviews of top candidates are to occur, at least one other employee, Board member, partner, or project funder must participate with the District Manager in conducting the interviews.

**2120.3** Once received, applications are reviewed to ensure that each candidate meets the position's eligibility requirements, as included in the job notice. Any application that is deemed not eligible by the District Manager or Board will not be considered further.

**2120.4** Using the job-related evaluation criteria identified in the job posting, each application will be reviewed. ~~and scored or ranked. Written instruction and results on scoring or ranking the applications must be retained.~~

**2120.5** Interviewing the top candidates may occur and consistent job-related questions used to ensure objectivity. The interview method to be used is at the discretion of the District Manager or Board. Interviewing a candidate(s) more than once may be appropriate. All written material associated with the interviews must be retained.

**2120.6** Reference or background checks on the top candidates should occur after the interviews are completed. Any written material associated with reference or background checks must be retained.

**2120.7** If there are not at least three (3) qualifying candidates (candidates that have successfully passed all tests and oral interviews) from which to choose for the position being filled, the District Manager may elect to reopen the recruitment or to reconsider filling of the position.

**2120.8** A candidate will be selected using all information gathered during the selection process. Upon determination of the best candidate for the position, the rationale for selection of the candidate shall be written and included in the documentation package associated with filling the position.

**2120.9** All documentation of the selection process, including job notice and applications, must be retained for five (5) years.

**2120.10** A conditional job offer letter that outlines the position and essential job functions being offered, an “at will” statement, probationary period, starting wages and benefits, initial work schedule, start date, and other key conditions must be provided to the selected candidate.

**2120.11** Key considerations:

**2120.11.1** Inquiries about a candidate’s salary history are prohibited.

**2120.11.2** Conviction history cannot be requested prior to a conditional job offer.

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
TO TRANSFER AND MAINTAIN THE OLD CHANNEL WATER SYSTEM  
IMPROVEMENTS**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 (“Effective Date”) among the HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, hereinafter called "HLVRCD", and the SUSAN RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE, hereinafter called "WATERMASTER", and collectively as the AGENCIES.

**RECITALS**

- A. WHEREAS, the HLVRCD is a California Special District created pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Division 9, Chapter 3 in 1956; and,
- B. WHEREAS, Resource Conservation Districts are authorized pursuant to Public Resources Code section 9409 to make improvements or conduct operations on private lands, with the consent of the owners thereof, in furtherance of the prevention or control of soil erosion, water conservation, wildlife enhancement and erosion stabilization; and,
- C. WHEREAS, the HLVRCD completed the Old Channel Project with grant awarded funds from the California Department of Water Resources to improve water quality for downstream holders of water rights by filtering stormwater that currently runs into the Old Channel unfiltered; and,
- D. WHEREAS, the WATERMASTER was created pursuant to the Judgment filed April 18, 1940 in Lassen County Superior Court Decree Case No. 4573 as modified by the July 31, 2007 Order Granting Petition For Substitution of Susan River Watermaster And Modifying Decree Case No. 4573 to ensure water is allocated according to court-adjudicated water rights or agreements; and,
- E. WHEREAS, the WATERMASTER is vested with all authorities granted by Part 4 of Division 2 of the Water Code, section 4000 *et seq.*, with the exception of sections 4025-4026, 4050, subdivision (a)4051, 4279 and 4351-4358; and,
- F. WHEREAS, the AGENCIES have the authority and willingness to act in the best interest of the region in successful water conservation efforts; and
- G. WHEREAS, The AGENCIES will each benefit from their participation in this MOU:

NOW, THEREFORE, the AGENCIES hereby agree as follows:

- 1. HLVRCD shall transfer and the WATERMASTER shall accept ownership of the water system improvements for the Old Channel Project and will maintain the water system improvements in perpetuity.
- 2. Each AGENCY hereby designates its District Manager or Deputy Watermaster to represent its board as the person charged with the authority to approve and execute documents, and to make changes as needed to contracts or other needed documents, to implement the transfer and maintenance of the Old Channel Project water system improvements to the maximum benefit of the downstream holders of water rights.

3. The efforts provided for in this MOU aggregate, compile, and integrate existing plans, documents and agreements. Nothing in these plans documents or actions limits the authority of the AGENCIES or their powers or modifies any of the referenced plans, ordinances or actions of the AGENCIES, committee members, or stakeholders.
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7. Each AGENCY, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall indemnify and hold harmless the other AGENCIES, their consultants, and each of their directors, officers, agents, and employees, from and against all liability, claims, damages, losses, expenses and other costs, including costs of defense and attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from, or in connection with the performance of the work performed pursuant to this MOU, such obligation shall not apply as to any loss, damage or injury, as may be caused solely and exclusively by the fault or negligence of an AGENCY indemnified.
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9. If any provision of this MOU is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be declared severable and shall be given full force and effect to the extent possible.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
(to be filled in by Clerk of the Board)

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:      **HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
[NAME]  
[TITLE]

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:      **SUSAN RIVER WATERMASTER  
SERVICE**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
[NAME]  
[TITLE]

# Honey Lake Valley RCD District Manager Report

Kelsey Siemer - District Manager

April 23, 2026

## **RCD Administration:**

- Bookkeeping
  - Monthly reports attached
  - Second reading of draft budget tonight
    - Items to consider/discuss:
      - WM CLASS Interest application
      - Pay wage increases for staff / compensation analysis
      - GF expenditure increases
  - Working on Accounting Manual draft - mostly complete!
  - No progress made on US Bank account information
  
- Admin:
  - New Board Member - Welcome Caleb!
  - Kelsey taking CSDM course through CSDA
  - Laurie worked on MOA for RCD / SWMSA for equipment sharing
  - Staff attended federal procurement training this week
  - Potential issues with new USFS Terms and Conditions, LNF hosted partner training and CARCD "looking into it"

## **Watermaster:**

- Water user issues with DWR - no significant updates
- Brian and Kelsey to start working on billing and apportionments in May
- Brian to re-vamp Field Schedules with updated landowner information
- New WAC representative?

## **Grant Updates:**

- **DWR: Lahontan Basin IRWM Implementation - Rounds 1 and 2**
  - Round 1: Lead Admin Agency for City of Susanville / Round 2:
    - Ravendale / Madeline is in progress!
    - MOU was sent to LLTT for transfer of infrastructure
    - DWR conducted a site visit on Friday 4/17
    - Project close out in June 2026
  
- **USFS: Post Fire Recovery - Sheep, Hog and Dixie Fire Scar**
  - White: Bid Tour was Tuesday
  - Milford biomass 80 acres, next project. Starting next week.
  - Wingfield: Release Spray will happen in summer 2026.
    - The next phase will be snowbrush control/release with several adjacent landowners (Hulsman Ranch, Nagel). This project will not include a reforestation phase, as there are already sufficient green trees on site on

the smaller properties, and the larger properties (Hulsman Ranch, Nagel) have already been planted by LFSC. Although it appears most of the planted trees on the Hulsman Ranch areas with snowbrush did not survive.

- **USFS 2: Post Fire Recovery - Dixie Fire Scar**
  - Cone Collection: Still in talks with FS to allow access.
  - Fletcher/Flowers: Janesville property right along 395 (tree farm). Complete
  
- **NACD: TA2024**
  - Tiffany is working on deliverables
  - Asked about the possibility of an extension, will ask again in May
    - Mostly due to PB's agreement with NRCS ending in September with no current plan to extend, wanting to give Tiffany as many hours as she wants.
  
- **CAL FIRE Workforce Development Grant:**
  - Kelsey and Odessa attended GIS training in Redding two weeks ago - VERY helpful!
  - Odessa took S-131 this week, towards her FIRB PTB.
  - Catherine attended the California Licensed Forestry Association's Registered Professional Foresters Test Prep Class and is participating in a study group twice a week.
  
- **BLM GNA: Restoration Projects**
  - Laura 2 fire recovery
    - No new updates
  - LTPBR
    - Work will begins week of May 11th (weather permitting); Contractor will start at Rush Creek then move to Deep Cut due to road access. Odessa working with BLM archs to flag trees this week
  - Drive By Fence
    - NEPA has not yet been signed (awaiting Wildlife section). This will now be a 2026 project. Confirmed that NEPA should be done soon; most likely be a FY26/27 project.
  - ARTR Growouts
    - No new updates
  - Baby Shinn Fence
    - No NEPA completed yet; hopefully a FY26/27 project but contingent on IDT. On agenda for next BLM IDT meeting.
  - Cottonwood Salvage Planting
    - Planting scheduled for Tuesday, weather depending!
    - Catherine secured private funding to assist with planting contract costs.

- **Wildlife Conservation Network: Southern Lassen County Habitat Restoration**
  - Planting contract signed by Walker Basin and HLVRCD. Walker Basin is currently growing bitterbrush plugs. Approximately 15,228 plugs have already been grown.
  - Plug Planting begins Fall 2026 by Walker Basin (Weather Contingent)
  - JUOC removal bid RFP is being reviewed. Expected to fly in May 2026. Feedback provided by CDFW. Bid tour scheduled for June 10.
  
- **Wildlife Connectivity Working Group Coordinator**
  - **HWY 395 Underpass Bison Pipe Project**
    - working with CDFW, private landowners, CalTrans, NGOs to put bison pipe fence along a few underpasses in south county so that permittees / grazers can keep cows in but let wildlife move freely through the underpass.
    - CDFW applied for encroachment permit, Kelsey has landowner contact info, waiting to hear from CDFW about timeline for implementation
  - **Five Springs Fencing - AWARDED!**
    - CDFW / BLM land, 3 different fences, working with both agencies to problem solve / connect fences / remove unnecessary fences.
    - Awarded \$20,000 for fencing materials to fix issues. CDFW & BLM notified. Site visit in late May / early June tentatively scheduled.
  - **Shinn Mountain JUOC Removal**
    - CDFW wants to remove western juniper at Shinn Mountain to improve GRSG and Pronghorn connectivity.
    - Currently unfunded; no new updates.
  - **Lassen County F&G Commission Raptor Project**
    - Commission approved the RCD project up to \$5,000
    - Working with Lassen High School, Westwood High School, Plumas Corp, Feather River Land Trust, and Dan Lipp to place 35 kestrel boxes and 20 barn owl boxes in Mountain Meadows Reservoir, Ranch Park, and other places in the Honey Lake Valley.
  
- **USFS: Lassen Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)**
  - Funded for \$82,000 to install 4 new interpretative panels at the Eagle Lake Fish Trap kiosk and increase capacity for hydrological monitoring
  - The agreement is in the USFS G&A portal and is being reviewed.
  - Major issues with new USFS Terms and Conditions
  - Awaiting Grants Management Specialist to reach out to HLVRCD.
  
- **Trout Unlimited: Pine Creek Monitoring**
  - 2026 monitoring schedule is underway!
    - First monitoring trip was in early March due to warm temps and low flows.
  - TU delegated additional work to be completed in the near future:

- Miscellaneous tasks for upcoming restoration efforts (photos)
    - TU has asked RCD to help with drone imagery work
  - Amendment to the original contract is *pending* the completion of these other tasks.
- **CDFA: WMA Grant**
  - WMA Listserv created, WMA iNaturalist created
  - Annual work plan meeting held in February
    - Target weeds identified for joint treatment, outreach plan developed
  - Odessa will solicit data from partners for the WMA map. Odessa has already received some data and is experimenting with ArcGIS.

### **NEW AND UPCOMING:**

- **PBA Capacity Funds - REQUESTED**
  - Submitted application for Watershed Center capacity funds for PBA program - expected to have contract back May 1st (\$80k)
  - Would support Odessa and Catherine obtaining fire quals, one demonstration burn, and some more equipment for fire program
- **FAPL Big Game Habitat Restoration and Connectivity Fund - REQUESTED**
  - Odessa submitted request for \$250K to get funding through the Foundation of America's Public Land Big Game Fund. Partnering agencies: BLM ELFO, CDFW, and WCN
  - Activities will include: bitterbrush plantings, invasive species treatment, bison pipe fencing, and guzzler installation in the Doyle area on BLM-managed lands.
  - LOSs from BLM, CDFW, SIR, and BLM have been received.
  - Decision expected by the end of March 2026.
- **NFF Capacity Funds**
  - Kelsey is applying for ~\$50k to help Odessa with Pine Creek monitoring next season through National Forest Foundation
- **WCB Riparian Habitat Statement of Interest - APPLYING**
  - Odessa is working on a statement of interest to include exclosure fencing, JUOC treatments, and LTPBR projects at several BLM sites in the Smoke Creek Watershed.
- **NFWF Big Game Proposal - REQUESTED**
  - Application submitted - \$900k
  - Project includes ARTR/PUTR plantings and juniper removal at DWA, HJWA, and Fort Sage OHV area.

### **Northeast (Natural and Working Lands?) RCD Hub – CONCEPT / APPLYING**

- Potential collaboration and partnership to start a "Hub" in NE CA for RCDs in our region. Opportunities to work collaboratively, build capacity, and engage in regional-scale implementation.
- Point Blue is interested in supporting this effort and tackling the TA with producers
- PB and RCDs potentially collaborating on CDFA HSP program application