

AMADOR
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Mailing Address: 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson CA 95642

DIRECTORS
Steve Cannon, Carole Marz, Dan Port, Emily Taylor, Dr. Kelsi Williams
Associate Directors

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE: August 18, 2022 **TIME:** 3:00 PM **LOCATION:** 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642

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ROLL CALL
AGENDA

Approval of agenda for this date; any and all off-agenda items must be approved by the Board of Directors Pursuant to Para 5495.2 of the government code.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA CONSIDERATION OF "EMERGENCY OR "SUBSEQUENT NEED" ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA Cal. Gov't Code 54954.2(b)(2)

Item #	Time Allotted	Topic
1	3:05 – 3:10	Approval of itemized warrants.
2	3:10 – 3:15	Approval of minutes of past meetings
3	3:15 – 3:30	NRCS Report –
4	3:30 – 3:45	Treasurer Report – regular report
5	3:45 – 4:15	Executive Director Report – Amanda Watson Regular report and discussion of: Need for Directors to attend meetings in person; Strategic Growth grant application
6	4:15 – 4:30	Chipping Grant -Consideration of Notice of Exemption (NOE) - ACTION
7	4:30 – 4:40	Community Garden Water MOU – ACTION
8	4:40 – 4:45	SAWQA – report
9	4:45 – 5:00	Policy Committee – discussion and action regarding development of committee to review and update RCD policies
10	5:00 – 5:05	Scholarship Committee – NRCS Speak-Off competition. Discussion and action on prizes
11	5:05	Adjourn

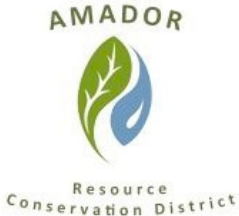
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Starting Warrant 22-066

Warrant Number	Amount	Pay to	Project	Notes	Approved by	Status
22-066	\$3,713.88	Mason, Bruce, & Girard, Inc	Jackson Creek	RPF May 2022- Invoice 30960	AW	Delivered to County by AW 7/29/22
22-067	\$500.00	KVGC	Chipping Round 1	Radio Ads June 2022 Inv 22060131	AW	Delivered to County by AW 7/29/22
22-068	\$1,799.00	ParcelQuest	SAWQA	Annual Renewal	AW	Delivered to County by AW 7/29/22
22-069	\$795.00	Molly Taylor	ARCD - various	07.28.22 Invoice for JC, Chipping, SGC	AW	Delivered to County by AW 7/29/22
22-070	\$2,574.00	Mason, Bruce, & Girard, Inc	Jackson Creek	RPF June 2022 - Invoice 31078	AW	Delivered to County by AW 7/29/22
22-071	\$11,580.66	Timber Ridge	Chipping Round 1	Inv 177 June 2022		
22-072	\$10,083.84	Timber Ridge	Chipping Round 1	Inv 183 July 2022		
22-073	\$226.00	Balancing the Books	ARCD - General	Inv 12187 July 2022 Payroll		
22-074	\$2,085.64	ACES	Chipping Round 1	Inv 625272 July 2022		
22-075	\$126.13	City of Jackson	Garden	Water Bill 6/20/22 - 7/20/22		

ARCD Income

Check Date	Amount	Check From	Project	Notes		Status
8/5/2022	\$8,361.49	AFSC	Staff	June 2022 Staff time		



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Minutes for Regular Meeting of 21 July 2022

Called to order on 21, July 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA

Present were: Directors Cannon, Marz, Port, Taylor

Staff present: Dana Simpson, Megan Watts

Also attending: D.C. Allison Tokunaga, Ed Struffenegger, John Heisenbuttel, Jan Bray, Kestrel Grevatt

Absent: Director Kelsi Williams, Executive Director Amanda Watson

Motion to approve the agenda by Director Taylor, 2nd by Director Port. Motion passed

No oral communications from the public

Minutes from June 2022 meeting: Motion to approve by Director Marz, 2nd by Director Taylor. Motion passed

Motion to approve warrants # 22-059 (\$1998.36) for reimbursement to E.D. Watson for supplies purchased from January 2022 to June 2022 made by Director Port, seconded by Director Taylor. Motion passed.

NRCS Report: D.C. Tokunaga reported that her term as Acting D.C. will end on August 12. The NRCS is currently evaluating candidates for the permanent position. Forester Garrett McFall is doing field visits of clients. Supervisory Forester McBride has made visits to provide training for Forester McFall.

Treasurer Report: Attached. Dana Simpson reviewed the Quickbooks accounts for the RCD and SAWQA. Everything was well explained and all appears to be in good shape.

E.D. Report: Attached. Megan Watts reported that the preparation for the County Fair booth is in good shape. We're still lacking total booth coverage. Need more volunteers.

Lead Agency Addendum to MOU with Amador Fire Safe Council: This addendum will serve to assist the AFSC by having the RCD take on Lead Agency responsibility under CEQA. The projects covered by this agreement are the Ingress/Egress fuel reduction projects on the edges of private roads in the Running Gold and Surrey Junction neighborhoods. Heisenbuttel presented. Motion to approve the addendum and direction for Director Cannon to sign by Director Marz, 2nd by Director Taylor. Motion passed.

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MOU with Mother Lode Land Trust: This is in regard to the water bill that we have paid in the past. The MOU as presented was a bit confusing in that we weren't sure if the RCD would pay \$500 total or \$40/month or \$40/month with a maximum obligation of \$500? It appeared that the burden would be on the RCD to bill the MLLT. Tabled until August meeting.

Prescribed Burn Association: Kestrel Grevatt presented. The recently formed group of landowners interested in prescribed burning received a grant from the Dept. of Conservation to cover the part-time salary of a coordinator (Grevatt). The report of activities covered the objectives of the association and the goals of helping landowners help themselves. There will be a need for additional funding for equipment. A workshop for landowners is planned for August 30 in Pine Grove.

SAWQA: Final participant list will be completed and submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Fall payment to the Coalition will be due in November. Two instances of pollutants exceeding the minimum on Grand Island were assessed as being due to weather (heavy rain) and not attributable to grower mistakes. A management plan will not likely be required. Non-compliant landowners that haven't joined the coalition will be urged to comply.

Student Scholarship: Modifications to the Scholarship program were proposed. Directors Taylor and Williams worked on the criteria and requirements (attached). Motion to approve changes by Director Taylor, 2nd by Director Marz. Motion passed.

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Director Marz. 2nd by Director Taylor. Motion passed at 4:57 p.m.

Grant Progress Tracking 7/31/2022

ARCD	Grant Period	Amount Awarded	Direct Cost	Indirect Cost	Remaining		Invoiced	Amount remaining
					Advance	Amount Received		
Three Meadows (NFWF)		\$ 440,439.12	\$ 411,455.00	\$ 28,984.12	\$ -	\$ 377,027.58		\$ 63,411.54
Three Meadows (PGE)		\$ 63,000.00	\$ 63,000.00		\$ -	\$ 63,000.00		\$ -
Jackson Creek Watershed	11/15/2021 -	\$ 3,603,152.00	\$ 3,217,100.00	\$ 386,052.00	\$ 36,969.85	\$ 19,030.15		\$ 3,547,152.00
Chipping - Round 1	extended to	\$ 190,340.00	\$ 184,400.00	\$ 5,940.00		\$ 95,285.31	\$ 57,811.63	\$ 37,243.06
Chipping 2021 - Round 2	11/2021 -	\$ 718,292.00	\$ 652,993.00	\$ 65,299.00				\$ 718,292.00
NACD 2021 - Round 4	5/28/2021 -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 55,646.67	\$ 44,353.33		\$ -
Mitchell Mine Fuel Break	6/10/2021 -	\$ 327,700.00	\$ 294,930.00	\$ 32,770.00				\$ 327,700.00
RCPD	5/15/2019 -	\$ 312,362.00	\$ 312,362.00	n/a		\$ 141,565.67	\$107,827.44	\$ 62,968.89
Healthy Soils - Round 1	1/13/2020 -	\$ 59,996.28	\$ 49,996.90	\$ 9,999.38		\$ 24,899.53		\$ 35,096.75
Healthy Soils - Round 2	10/1/2021 -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 9,575.01	\$ 1,313.35	\$ 49,111.64
AFSC Staff Time							\$ 14,348.18	
SAWQA Staff Time							\$ 3,622.74	
		\$ 5,875,281.40	\$ 5,336,236.90	\$ 539,044.50	\$ 92,616.52	\$ 774,736.58	\$ 184,923.34	\$ 4,840,975.88

SAWQA

	Amount Billed	Amount Received	Amount Due
Member Fees		\$301,508.58	

Notes:

NACD Grant: - This grant doesn't allow for indirect costs, so we use a loaded rate. It also allows for 75% of the grant time to be used on NRCS projects and the other 25% to be used on RCD projects. This is how we show match funds for the chipping grant.

Mitchel Mine: - We can invoice on a regular ARCD invoice. This is a reimbursable grant, so no advances allowed.
 - Additional CEQA was required for the herbicide portion of the grant. AFSC paid a forester to do this work, so we may owe AFSC for this work

Amador Resource Conservation District

Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2022

	<u>Jul 31, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
101768 · Sac/Ama Water Quality Alliance	407,208.82
101769 · Amador RCD	193,756.38
Total Checking/Savings	600,965.20
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	184,923.34
Total Accounts Receivable	184,923.34
Total Current Assets	785,888.54
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>785,888.54</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
24500 · Accrued Time Off	2,318.77
25800 · Unearned or Deferred Revenue	89,958.28
Total Other Current Liabilities	92,277.05
Total Current Liabilities	92,277.05
Total Liabilities	92,277.05
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	714,685.99
32000 · Retained Earnings	-48,465.82
Net Income	27,391.32
Total Equity	693,611.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>785,888.54</u>

Amador Resource Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2022

	Jul 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
45000 · Investments				
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD		1,000.00	(1,000.00)	
Total 45000 · Investments		1,000.00	(1,000.00)	
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46420 · Partnership Contracts	5,406.98	105,072.00	(99,665.02)	5.1%
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	5,406.98	105,072.00	(99,665.02)	5.1%
47890 · Program Income				
47891 · Grant Income	50,279.47	827,974.00	(777,694.53)	6.1%
47894 · Admin Fee (Indirect Cost)	2,291.08	115,607.00	(113,315.92)	2.0%
Total 47890 · Program Income	52,570.55	943,581.00	(891,010.45)	5.6%
Total Income	57,977.53	1,049,653.00	(991,675.47)	5.5%
Gross Profit	57,977.53	1,049,653.00	(991,675.47)	5.5%
Expense				
50100 · Payroll Expenses				
50100-1 · Payroll Expense	14,854.15	192,807.00	(177,952.85)	7.7%
Total 50100 · Payroll Expenses	15,650.15	192,807.00	(177,156.85)	8.1%
51000 · Insurance				
51500 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,635.44	6,000.00	(3,364.56)	43.9%
Total 51000 · Insurance	2,635.44	6,000.00	(3,364.56)	43.9%
52000 · Memberships and Dues		3,000.00	(3,000.00)	
52200 · Office Expenses				
52200-1 · Office Equipment		2,000.00	(2,000.00)	
52200-2 · Postage, Mailing Service		200.00	(200.00)	
52200-3 · Printing and Copying		1,200.00	(1,200.00)	
52200-4 · Supplies		1,000.00	(1,000.00)	
52200-5 · Telephone, Telecommunications	90.18	1,200.00	(1,109.82)	7.5%
52200-6 · Advertising	500.00	1,500.00	(1,000.00)	33.3%
52200-7 · Software		3,000.00	(3,000.00)	
Total 52200 · Office Expenses	590.18	10,100.00	(9,509.82)	5.8%
52300 · Professional Services				
52321 · Auditor's Services		10,000.00	(10,000.00)	
52383 · Bookkeeping	299.33	4,000.00	(3,700.67)	7.5%
52300 · Professional Services - Other		5,000.00	(5,000.00)	
Total 52300 · Professional Services	299.33	19,000.00	(18,700.67)	1.6%
52800 · Special Departmental Expenses				
32393 · Fair Booth		600.00	(600.00)	
52810 · Community Garden	64.96	1,200.00	(1,135.04)	5.4%
52822 · Mini Grants		5,000.00	(5,000.00)	
Total 52800 · Special Departmental Expenses	64.96	6,800.00	(6,735.04)	1.0%
52900 · Travel and Meetings				
52905 · Travel		500.00	(500.00)	
52910 · Conference, Convention, Meeting		2,000.00	(2,000.00)	
52930 · Mileage		3,000.00	(3,000.00)	
Total 52900 · Travel and Meetings		5,500.00	(5,500.00)	
54138 · Contractor Services				
54138-1 · Groundwork Contractor	1,635.37	577,270.00	(575,634.63)	0.3%
54138-2 · Professional Service Contractor	7,082.88	150,325.00	(143,242.12)	4.7%
Total 54138 · Contractor Services	8,718.25	727,595.00	(718,876.75)	1.2%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses				
65160 · Other Costs		9,733.00	(9,733.00)	
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses		9,733.00	(9,733.00)	
Total Expense	27,958.31	980,535.00	(952,576.69)	2.9%
Net Ordinary Income	30,019.22	69,118.00	(39,098.78)	43.4%

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Accrual Basis

Amador Resource Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2022

	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
80000 · Ask My Accountant		25,000.00	(25,000.00)	
Total Other Expense		25,000.00	(25,000.00)	
Net Other Income		(25,000.00)	25,000.00	
Net Income	<u>30,019.22</u>	<u>44,118.00</u>	<u>(14,098.78)</u>	<u>68.0%</u>

Amador Resource Conservation District

SAWQA Profit & Loss

July 2022

	<u>Jul 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Expense	
50100 · Payroll Expenses	
50100-1 · Payroll Expense	826.76
66300 · Payroll Tax Expense	0.00
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Total 50100 · Payroll Expenses	826.76
52200 · Office Expenses	
52200-5 · Telephone, Telecommunications	2.14
52200-7 · Software	1,799.00
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Total 52200 · Office Expenses	1,801.14
Total Expense	<hr/> 2,627.90
Net Ordinary Income	<hr/> -2,627.90
Net Income	<hr/> <hr/> -2,627.90

Amador RCD

District Manager Report

Prepared for: August 18th 2022 Board Meeting

General Updates: This recruiting for SAWQA and Natural Resource Technical Assistance position. Dana & Amanda will be reviewing policies. Also are researching acquiring an ARCD credit card.

Fire Adapted Landscapes & Wildlife Preparation Workshop co-hosted by UCCE/ARCD: August 8th 2-5pm Pine Grove Town Hall (rescheduled due to the fire). Will feature the Jackson Creek Forest Health Project.

Current Projects Updates:

Three Meadows, NFWF Grant: Need to schedule a site visit to the Meadows in late August/early September.

Community Chipping Program: CaFSC extended for another quarter, new end date October 31st 2022. Need to review and approve Notice of Exemption (NOE) for CalFire grant to meet grant's CEQA requirements. Megan has continued administering this project with community chipping days and roadside chipping.

Healthy Soil Program Technical Assistance Funding- Molly continue to provide support to landowners who received funding. We are working to contract for more specific resource TA such as riparian Forest buffer planning and range management.

Mitchell Mine Fuel Break Maintenance/Demonstration: working on CEQA documentation and need start the contracting process with UCCE for the demonstration project.

NACD 2021: Funding for another year of TA assistance will be awarded, awaiting instructions from NACD to move forward. Requested an extension for this grant.

RCPP: Last batching period is in early 2023 and there is \$750,000 in implementation fund remaining. Working with NRCS to get staff support and considering hiring to fill ARCD Forest Health program staff. CARCD will be requesting an to expand the project, application is due Sept. 9th. ARCD will be submitted a letter of match for these funds.

Grazing for Fuels Prevention and Forest Health: RPF has started initial site visits. Second round of ROEs send out. UCCE and ARCD staff are working to plan a Fire Adapted Amador workshop, rescheduled for August 8th focusing on the fuel reductions practices and Jackson Creek Update. Tribal notification letters were sent out in early July, received a request for information from the Wilton Rancheria, working on scheduling meeting with tribal representatives. Draft PSA will be submitted to ARCD from Ascent by August 12th. ARCD and advisory committee will be reviewing Draft PSA and returning to Ascent by August 26th. ARCD staff will be presenting at the Wool Growers Annual meeting to discuss this project and working with grazers on fuel reduction and forest health projects.

Upcoming Funding/Projects:

Carbon Hub (Natural & Working Lands Hub) Funding: Regional Climate Collaboratives Program. Concept Proposal submitted (summary attached) and approved to submit full application.

\$1.3 million over 3-year, project partners will include

\$500k-1.75 million. Molly has been coordinating the development of the pre-proposal, outreaching to ACT RCDs and other protentional partners. This new capacity-building grant program funds community-rooted and cross-sectoral partners to develop the processes, plans, and projects that will drive and sustain climate action.

Counties Covered: Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Alpine

Current Project Partners: Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District, Calaveras County Resource Conservation District, Carbon Cycle Institute, Sierra Institute, Alpine Watershed Group

The region includes Alpine, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties (AACT) and is comprised of a diversity of natural and working lands providing critical ecosystem services not only to its residents, but to the rest of the state. The AACT region encompasses over 4,600 square miles of private and public land, including 1,500 farms that produce \$120 million worth of agricultural goods annually. The majority of private land in the region is managed by farmers and ranchers. The remaining public land is managed by agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. Currently, public and private lands are managed without meaningful inter-agency or multi-stakeholder collaboration. This project aims to bring these groups together in conversation around shared goals for climate resilience. It should be noted that Alpine County does not contain disadvantaged communities as identified by CARB or DW

Recent science shows that climate change has the potential for catastrophic impacts unless we act quickly. Despite proposed technological methods for carbon dioxide removal, natural and working lands have the potential for immediate, affordable, and scalable carbon dioxide (CO₂) drawdown and storage in soils and above ground woody biomass. California Air Resources Board 2022 Scoping Plan identifies NWL as a net source of 1 MMTCO₂e annually. Research suggests that with the implementation of climate-smart land management practices, California's NWL can sequester as much as 100 MMTCO₂e annually by 2030. The Amador-Alpine-Calaveras-Tuolumne Natural & Working Lands (AACT NWL) Regional Hub will build capacity within the proposed region for planning, education, and implementation of projects that enhance climate resilience on NWL. The AACT region comprises over 3 million acres of forest, range and farmland with significant industries and communities invested in the continued viability of these landscapes. The AACT NWL Hub will identify climate resilience opportunities on NWL, working with counties to advocate for the meaningful involvement of NWL as a climate solution in local policy. The proposed hub will aggregate locally relevant data and resources to design and ultimately scale the implementation of climate-smart land management practices with an emphasis on promoting local economic development via the meaningful involvement of disadvantaged and tribal communities. By engaging in a thorough needs and opportunity assessment, the hub will advance a novel, multi-stakeholder approach to addressing the challenges of climate change in rural communities.

The AACT NWL Hub is an innovative and multi-stakeholder project that marries policy development with on-the-ground project implementation to achieve reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and enhanced climate resilience. The proposed project will focus on the critical role natural and working lands play in regional planning for climate action and long-term resilience. The goal of the project is two-fold: (1) jointly sustain agricultural lands in production while increasing the potential for employment opportunities and (2) facilitate widespread adoption of climate-smart land management practices that increase carbon sequestration, which in turn will increase regional climate resilience. AACT Regional Hub efforts will support development and/or implementation of the following planning

frameworks: Climate Action Plans, Carbon Farm Plans, Fire Prevention Projects, Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation, and Integrated Regional Water Management Plans. Of the counties within the region, only Tuolumne has engaged with the Climate Action Planning (CAP) process. Tuolumne RCD was not consulted in this process and as a result the CAP contains no natural and working lands (NWL) targets. The hub would use this experience to work for the meaningful involvement of NWL in the CAP processes in Amador, Calaveras and Alpine counties.

The Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne resource conservation districts (RCDs) operate under an existing MOU that allows the RCDs to share resources, staff, and jointly collaborate on projects that result in regional climate resilience. This award would enable the hub to expand such agreements and include the Alpine Watershed Group. To date, the Amador RCD, which has been awarded two California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Healthy Soils Program (HSP) Technical Assistance grants and has successfully worked in Amador, Calaveras and Alpine counties to secure funding for seventeen (17) healthy soils projects on farms and ranches throughout the region. In addition to the CDFA HSP incentive projects, three (3) carbon farm plans (CFPs) are being developed in Amador County. The hub will expand the adoption of carbon farm planning and implementation in the region to ensure the meaningful involvement of NWLs in county-level climate action and resiliency planning. Moving forward, the hub would expand its reach to residents, landowners, and businesses in under-resourced communities by conducting targeted outreach in these communities and engaging in regional capacity and socio-economic assessment efforts. The hub would also lift up current organizations, initiatives, and tribal programs to solicit broad-based stakeholder feedback, engagement, and collaboration.

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By and between

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

And

MOTHER LODE LAND TRUST

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is entered into on the date below and is intended to facilitate cooperation between the AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (“ARCD”), a special district of the County of Amador; and the MOTHER LODE LAND TRUST (“MLLT”) a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, to promote the shared vision on MLLT land (por. of APN 020-020-016) for the creation of a Community Farm who’s main purpose will be to engage the public and supply fresh produce to those who need it.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

ARCD was organized by the Amador County Board of Supervisors in 1950, under Division IX of the California Public Resources Code. The district covers all of Amador County and portions of Alpine and Calaveras Counties. The mission of the ARCD is to “conserve and improve our natural resources, integrating the demand for environmental quality with the needs of agricultural and urban users”.

RCD’s are grassroots government organizations that work to get individual and community goals accomplished. RCD’s are non-regulatory and must meet their goals for the natural resources in their community through voluntary approaches – neighbor asking neighbor to cooperate. The ARCD is guided by a five-member board of directors who are appointed by the Amador County Board of Supervisors to serve voluntarily and represent a broad spectrum of experience including farming, ranching, financial and non-profit land conservancy management. Depending upon available grant funds, the ARCD employs staff members with diverse technical backgrounds to support implementation of the ARCD mission. As a local government entity, the ARCD can work with any local, state or federal agency through simple cooperative agreements. ARCD works to strike a balance between the economic self-interests of individuals and the community’s need for a healthy environment through both education and assistance.

The Mother Lode Land Trust (MLLT), formerly the Amador Land Trust was established in 1990 by a coalition of ranchers, conservationists and other concerned citizens to preserve the foothill landscape of the Central Sierra Nevada. As a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization, MLLT accepts conservation easements, owns and manages lands with strong agricultural and historic values, provides technical assistance to landowners on preservation techniques and promotes public awareness of the importance of preserving our lands.

MLLT is the owner of the Cuneo/Chichizola property, an ownership opportunity made possible through a bequest from the late Marian Francis Chichizola Cuneo. This property, located in the Jackson CA area consists of 187 acres of rangeland and a suite of historic buildings, including the well-known pink Chichizola Store. The MLLT plans to work with the community to determine how this property can be utilized as both a living history exhibit and as a true working ranch. Volunteers are always welcome to join in on our visioning for this property, as we move forward in the development of a plan to provide services to the school children in our area and the community as a whole.

III. PURPOSE OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU")

The MLLT has designated the use of approximately 2 acres of APN# 020-020-016 for farming practices; the use of the pasture between the barns for access and parking; and the use of the horse barn for storage of small farm equipment and supplies. This area is depicted in the schematic attached as Exhibit 1. The purpose of this area is for the development of a space for the community focused on gardening, farming, and the natural environment. This space shall be called the Amador Community Farm.

The mission of the Amador Community Farm is "to provide fresh, healthy, local produce to low-income families in others in need, through local food distribution systems; and to provide a nutritionally based learning environment where the focus is self-sustainability through the development of small backyard and community gardens". Through this, the Amador Community Farm envisions "providing a nurturing environment where one can develop a better understanding of self and the environment, and acquire the tools necessary to make healthy food choices".

The Amador Community Farm could be, with time, up to a 2-acre farm that will demonstrate sound agriculture practices while supplying people in the community with fresh, local produce. Included with the day-to-day operation of the Farm will be fruit and vegetable production, volunteer and community service programs, food and nutrition workshops, and seminars for adults and children.

While the Amador Community Farm will grow to be a large producer of fresh produce, it has no intention of competing with the local independent growers or Farmers Markets in order to make a profit. The food will be grown for the purpose of providing to those who

put in time working at the Garden, donating produce to those in need, and for educating people about nature and gardening/farming.

IV. SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES/IMPLEMENTATION

The MLLT will assume all responsibilities associated with the development and operation of the Farm, including but not limited to liability insurance, acquiring necessary permits, infrastructure development, community programs, and funding. MLLT will hire a Farm Manager whose job it will be to manage the day-to-day operations and coordinate with the Parties for meetings and any development/programs that are in addition to the current activities.

The ARCD will pay the water bill for the Farm. ARCD will contribute up to \$500/year towards the payment of this water, and MLLT will cover the difference. ARCD will invoice MLLT on a quarterly basis for reimbursement of water costs. Additionally, the ARCD is invited to participate in the Farm Committee where the Stakeholders will share Farm activities and/or plans/ideas they may have for the site, and discuss roles and expectations as these things come to fruition. The MLLT welcomes any additional assistance offered by ARCD, but will not require, nor depend on such assistance.

If the Amador Community Farm ceases to exist, or either party decides not to permit a renewal of the MOU, any infrastructure beyond easily moveable structures that could be used in another location will become property of the MLLT.

V. FEES

The ARCD will cover up to \$40 per month towards the cost of the water for the Farm. ARCD will bill MLLT on a quarterly basis for reimbursement of any costs above and beyond the \$40/month.

There are no other fees associated with this MOU. All costs associated with the operation of the Farm will come from the MLLT Farm Manager Fund and in the form of grants, special programs, and donations.

VI. TERM AND RENEWAL

This MOU shall commence immediately following the signing by both organizations and shall continue in effect until December 31 of the following year. The MOU will automatically renew for an additional term of one year on January 1 of each succeeding year unless either Participating Organization gives written notice of its intent not to renew this MOU no later than November 1 in advance of the January 1 of such succeeding year. Either organization may withdraw from this MOU for any reason upon a 60-day advance written notice, excepting a termination during the growing and harvesting seasons to prevent a loss of production of crops.

VII. PUBLIC AFFAIRS/RELATIONS

Nothing in this MOU shall be interpreted to imply that either organization endorses any products, services, or policies of the other. Neither organization may use the name of the other for advertising or other commercial purposes outside of advertising for Farm events, without prior written permission. Each organization shall obtain prior approval of all press releases, published advertisements, or other statements intended for the public that refer to this agreement or the relationships hereunder.

VIII. PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION CONTACTS

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IX. APPROVAL

Approved and accepted by:

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, a special district within the County of Amador; and

By: _____
Steve Q. Cannon, President

Date: _____

MOTHER LODER LAND TRUST, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation

By: _____
Ellie Routt, Executive Director

Date: _____