

**AMADOR**  
**RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
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**DIRECTORS**  
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**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE:** October 22, 2020 **TIME:** 3:00 PM **LOCATION:** Chichizola Store (Mother Lode Land Trust) 1324 Jackson Gate Road, Jackson, CA 95642

*Due to concerns about health & the need to maintain social distance, this meeting will allow for telephone attendance via conference call. If interested, please call (612)470-1917 & use PIN 294-465-236#. If you choose to attend via video conference, go to [meet.google.com/hyh-zwww-ngn](https://meet.google.com/hyh-zwww-ngn)*

**ROLL CALL**  
**AGENDA**

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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 – 3:15	Approval of itemized warrants.
2	3:15 – 3:20	Approval of minutes of past meetings
3	3:20 – 3:40	NRCS Report
4	3:40 – 4:15	District Manager Report – Amanda Watson
5	4:15 – 4:30	Treasurer Report
6	4:30 – 4:45	Request for Donation from Wood Angels – discussion and action Request for Donation from Farms of Amador – discussion and action
7	4:45 – 5:00	New Grant Opportunity – from Amanda – discussion and action
8	5:00 – 5:05	Correspondence
9	5:05	Adjourn



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October 2020**

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- Federal funding of 5.8 million dollars (1.8 million in Amador county) obligated for conservation activities in active contracts.
- Implementation and Final inspections for contracted practices remain active despite COVID19.
- Engineering designs for 2018-2020 practices are in progress using NRCS Engineer from Elk Grove and new Jackson Engineer in training.
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Conservation Planning 2021

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- Numerous requests for planning on Rangeland.
- Rangeland planning priority on applicants without adequate livestock water.
- Plans being developed for FY21 EQIP funding on forestry, range and cropland projects. No ranking dates for FY21 funding selections currently.

Staff Updates

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## Amador RCD District Manager Report

Prepared for: October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Board Meeting

### **Current Projects Updates:**

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### **Funding Opportunities:**

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- SNC: The CalAm team is working on a project for fuel break development. They are looking for a potential fiscal sponsor. Grant would be for planning and eventually implementation of a fuel break in Amador County.
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- Carbon Hub Funding: meeting with CCI and Hubs to develop a proposal over the next 4 months.

### **SAWQA:**

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## October 2020- ARCD Special Board Meeting

Starting Warrant 20-093

Warrant Number	Amount	Pay to	Project	Notes
20-093	\$ 245.00	Balancing the Books	ARCD	Bookkeeping -September Work
20-094	\$ 1,799.98	CARCD	ARCD	September AW Staff Time
20-095	\$ 1,569.74	CARCD	SAWQA	September AW Staff Time
20-096	\$ 735.00	Molly Taylor	ARCD- HSP	TA Consulting 8/13/20 - 10/21/20
20-097	\$ 295.97	City of Jackson	ARCD-GARDEN	August/September Water (\$100 deposit)
20-098	\$ 1,653.78	Alliant Insurance	SAWQA	Insurance
20-099	\$ 1,884.67	Alliant Insurance	ARCD	Insurance
20-100	\$ 670.00	Ca Special Districts Association	ARCD	Annual Dues CSDA - WC
20-101	\$ 1,060.00	CARCD	ARCD	Annual Dues - CARCD (2% of \$53,000 unrest. budget)
20-102	\$ 64.00	USPS	SAWQA	PO Box Annual Payment
20-103	\$ 200.00	Jill Dampsky	SAWQA	September SAWQA Time
20-104	\$ 27.72	Amanda Watson	ARCD-CHIP	RFP Newspaper annocement
20-105	\$ 135.21	Vince Campa	NACD	Mileage

### ARCD Income

Check Date	Amount	Check From	Project	Notes

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