



Kittitas County Conservation District  
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**Board of Supervisors Special Meeting**

**February 1, 2018 12:00 Noon KCCD Office**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Mark Moore</b> , Chair <b>Lynn Brown</b> , Vice Chair <b>Bill Boyum</b> , Member	<b>KCCD Staff:</b> Anna Lael, District Manager Miranda Nash, Financial Manager Mark Crowley, Resource Technician
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- I. **Call to Order-** Chair Mark Moore called the meeting to order at 12:02PM
  
- II. **Natural Resources Investments (NRI) Award** – Anna reported that she has received confirmation from the Commission that the District will receive funding for our top two projects. Anna stated that she and Mark C. have reviewed the project list and verified the scores and ranking. Anna requested that the Board clarify the policy on matching these funds with either EQIP or RCPP. She reviewed past policy, which was that the funds could be matched, although it has only actually occurred once due to the difficulty in coordinating the timing of offering the funding and implementing the project with the EQIP sign-ups and contracting cycles. Now however the RCPP funds are available and the projects to be contracted are known, although the contracts are not yet completed and signed. Also, in the past the EQIP contract hold downs for the Big Bend team limited the total cost share available for sprinkler conversions and so this match was intended to help increase the incentive and particularly to help with the costs of power (which is not an eligible item for EQIP) to try to increase the incentive. The RCPP hold downs are higher than the old EQIP hold downs and regular EQIP now has no hold downs. In addition, Anna has requested match for the RCPP contracts through the Commission’s partner contribution to the RCPP project, although there is no indication yet whether those funds will come through.

The current project list was shared with the Board, noting that the projects in red are the prospective RCPP contracts currently being worked on by Mark and Sherry. The producers with the top three projects have declined the funding as \$50,000 is not enough incentive for these larger projects. The 4<sup>th</sup> project on the list is anticipated to be funded through RCPP. The producer with the 5<sup>th</sup> project (Riegel) has confirmed he will accept the funds. The Board discussed how to proceed with determining the second project. The Board wants to ensure that the funds are spread out, but also doesn’t want to miss an opportunity to complete a project. They discussed the option of offering it to those without an RCPP or EQIP contract first, if there are no additional producers willing to accept the \$50,000 for their project, then matching would be allowed.

**MOTION** – Direct staff to select projects based on the policy that 2018 Natural Resource Investment funding may not be matched for projects funded under RCPP or EQIP (if known), unless no other producers on the ranked project list are willing to proceed with only the NRI funding.

**Bill Boyum** seconded by, **Lynn Brown**

*Passed Unanimously*

- III. **Adjournment** – Mark Moore adjourned the meeting at 12:35 PM.

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*Passed Unanimously*

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Miranda Nash  
Recording Secretary

02/08/18  
Date

Miranda Nash  
Board Member

2/8/18  
Date