

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

February 10, 2022

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by S. Beckman-President @ 6:35 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman-President; B. Dubois; Mike Dvorak; K. Hafley; K. Lambert; M. Robie; G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Ben Cook; Kaylee Dillashaw

Public Comment: None.

Partners: Jill Micheau; Jesse Fowler; Laurie Plautz; Jan Bray; Pat McGreevy

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 1/13/22 Minutes. Board Action – **B. Dubois made motion to approve, K. Lambert second. On a 5-1-0 vote, minutes were approved.** (K. H. abstained due to absence.)
2. Approval of January 2022 Finance Reports – **B. Dubois made motion to approve, K. Lambert second. On a 5-1-0 vote, financials were approved.** (K. H. abstained due to absence.)

Old Business:

1. Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows – G. Long reported that one Contractor will likely start this Monday, one needs to wait so they can access property, and the third will start as soon as they finish their prior obligation.

L. Plautz reported on Forest Meadows to Wylderidge she held a Town Hall meeting with the property owners to discuss any concerns. She next will go out and mark areas to be avoided. J. Bray reported CEQA documents have been received and is ready to send out Request for Proposals. Should be starting Contractors by mid-April.

The Pine Ridge project will be the sending out a Request for Proposals to interested Contractors soon. J. Bray is waiting for executed agreement from Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

2. Executive Director Position Description – The provided description was reviewed, and questions answered. **B. Dubois made motion to approve the description as amended, K. Hafley second. On a 6-0-0 vote, position description was approved.**
3. Update on sale of building – Mr. Beckman reported that per correspondence from our attorney, we have met the requirements of the Surplus Land Act and may now place the property on the open market. It was noted that when we do sell it that the contract must include a covenant that says “if property is to be used for housing, a minimum of 15% of the units must be for low-income housing. Board members will work with local realtor to develop a draft contract for Board approval.

Regarding the lot split, Dillon and Murphy Engineering of Lodi is working with the county on applicable fees.

New Business:

1. Request to open new bank accounts – D. Simpson described the requirement for Sierra Nevada Conservancy grants to have a dedicated interest-bearing account to hold the monies. She noted it would be helpful to have a separate account for each grant funder. **K. Hafley made a motion to approve the request to open new accounts as needed for each grant funding, M. Robie second. On a 6-0-0 vote, request was approved.**
2. Fricot City and Highway 108 North Fuelbreak grant – G. Long reported on a \$1.125M grant being split between Calaveras Tuolumne Counties.. He will be walking the Highway 108 Fuelbreak area on Monday.
3. American Forest Foundation – G. Long stated the “My Sierra Woods” project is a separate group within the AFF. They are working on a Martinez Watershed project and asking us as partners to help notify landowners of the opportunities available.
4. Strategic Plan and Work Plan – S. Beckman reviewed the top priorities listed in the current Plan. He requests the Board Members to review the documents and send him any suggestions for updates and discussion at next month’s meeting.
5. Contract Agreement between Tuolumne and Calaveras RCDs – G. Long noted that for us to do work in Tuolumne Co. an agreement is needed. He will soon call for a Special Meeting to vote on approving agreement.

Reports:

1. Committee Reports – None.
2. Other Items for Consideration – None.
3. Board Member announcements – M. Dvorak attended a prescribed burn and chainsaw training hosted by the Motherlode Prescribed Burn Association. There will be a prescribed burn training hosted by UC Extension on Feb. 21 & 22 in Nevada City.
4. Staff announcements – G. Long filed two CalFire grants for Mokelumne Hill and NW Calaveras Co. for \$1.25 M ea. He expects to be informed of award in May or June.


Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:48 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm.**

Attest:

President, Sid Beckman 

Date 3/10/22

Secretary, Brady Dubois 

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