

## Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

April 1, 2021

RCD In-Person & Virtual via GoToMeeting

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by S. Beckman-President @ 6:00 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman-President; B. Dubois; K. Hafley; K. Lambert; M. Robie; G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant; Mary Cole-Admin , Jill Micheau – Grant Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: T. Robertson;

Others Present: Kaylee Dillashaw-Tanner Logging; Jesse Fowler, Ag Commissioner;

**Public Comment:** None.

**Partners:** Ag Commissioner Ms. Fowler reported on the Cal. Co. Agriculture Dept. Kaylee Dillishaw noted there are soil health grants available right now.

### Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 3/4/21 Minutes. Board Action –**K. Hafley made motion to approve, M. Robie second. On a 5-0-1 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of February 2021 Finance Reports – **K. Hafley made motion to approve, M. Robie second. On a 5-0-1 vote, financials were approved.**

### Old Business:

1. Update on Cal Fire Murphys to Forest Meadows Fuel Break Grant: *reported on by E.D. Gordon Long* -In the last two weeks G. Long went out with contractor to assess the properties. Work to be completed by April 15 will include delineating areas that are too steep for equipment and will therefore need to be done by hand; adding another property to the project that is on the east end; and treating the Darby Knob unit this spring in order to educate the public with a show and tell demonstration of the future work. Suggests having a field trip for the board later this month.
2. Update on Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – G. Long reported that applications that had been entered this round were not accepted. On April 12<sup>th</sup> the RCPP representatives will have a group call to determine the problem that caused the rejections.

### New Business:

1. Approve David Farnsworth, CPA bid – S. Beckman reviewed the attached bid for \$5,540 to hire Mr. Farnsworth to complete our required audit. **Motion was made to accept the bid by K. Lambert, second by K. Hafley. Passed on a 5/0/1 vote.** After some discussion it was noted the vote did not include the travel expenses, so the motion was amended to approve the total of \$5,956. Vote remained the same.
2. Request for attorney's fees – K. Hafley noted we are at the point in the sale of the CCRCD building where we need to hire an attorney. He is asking for \$1,000 to be used as a retainer fee. M. Robie will assist in locating an appropriate attorney. This vote has been tabled until an attorney has been selected and a bid has been submitted.

3. Blue Lake Springs and Boundary Dead Tree / Hazardous Fuels Mitigation Project – S. Beckman reviewed the application for a CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant. The project would remove dead and dying trees within areas of the development. J. Micheau reported that she received a message from Blue Lake Springs that they are drastically reducing the acreage to under 14 acres on five lots. Management of the project would go out to bid or Blue Lake Springs would handle the work. The RCD would be administrator and fiscal agent of the grant.

**Motion was made to support the fuels treatment grant application in Resolution 2021-01 by K. Lambert, second by B. Dubois. Passed on a 5/0/1 vote.**

4. Cannabis Restoration Grant Program – S. Beckman described the opportunities of the grant that would fund watershed, wildlife and road projects on licensed cannabis operations. A \$2M grant will be available if we are interested. He noted that the last time this subject came up, it was tabled but asked where the board stands today. It was decided that the board is generally interested in pursuing this grant. It was noted that we could get names of registered grows from the County. S. Beckman would like to meet with the local association of growers to find out if they would like our help.
5. 2021-2022 Budget Preparation – It was suggested that the board could devote most of a meeting to discuss this or a special strategic meeting could be planned. A request was made for D. Simpson to provide a list of fixed costs and discretionary costs. It was decided to form a finance committee of S. Beckman (President), B. Dubois (Treasurer), M. Robie, D. Simpson (Staff-Bookkeeper). They are charged with formalizing a budget by the May meeting, for a final approval at the June meeting.

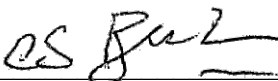
In order to have a complete list of items to be considered for the budget, it was suggested to form an ad hoc committee of G. Long, K. Hafley, T. Robertson to gather ideas for projects to be included.

**Reports:**


5. Committee Reports – None.
6. Other Items for Consideration – None.
7. Board Member announcements – K. Lambert noted he and G. Long had a great work day in cleaning up our property.
8. Staff announcements – G. Long noted that one of the abandoned cars parked in our lot has been towed and the other will be gone soon.

**Adjournment of meeting.** Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, May 6, 2021** via GoToMeeting.

Attest:  
President, Sid Beckman 

Date 5/6/2021

Secretary, Brady Dubois 

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