

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

December 8, 2022

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: M. Dvorak; K. Hafley- President; K. Lambert; J. Marsili; Ben Cook- Assoc. Director; G. Long-Executive Director; M. Cole-Admin; L. Plautz-Project Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: Kaylee Dillashaw, Project Manager; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director

Others Present: B. Dubois; Gary Whitson-CalFire; Jessie Fowler, Ag Dept; Johnnie Siliznoff-NSDA/NRCS

Public Comment: None.

Partner Comment: Johnnie Silzinoff reported new EQIP and Stewardship Programs with NRCS.

Jesse Fowler reported on the Hardwood Advisory Committee meeting. It was suggested that CCRCDC facilitate future programs.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 11/10/22 Minutes. Board Action – **K. Lambert made motion to approve, second by M. Dvorak. On a 4-0-0 vote, minutes were approved with amendment of signature lines being changed to Keith Hafley, President and Julia Marsili, Member-at-Large.**
2. Approval of November 2022 Finance Reports – **K. Lambert made motion to approve, second by J. Marsili. On a 4-0-0 vote, financials were approved.** (Hafley abstained.)

Old Business:

1. Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows – G. Long reported that we are received payment from CalFire. Contractors now are waiting on better weather to return to work.
Forest Meadows to Wylderidge – L. Plautz reported work is has stard and will be completed in phases.
Pine Ridge – G. Long reported a Forester (Jan Bray) has been selected. Two bids had been submitted with one attending the pre-bid tour.
Fricot City-Highway 108 – G. Long reported he walked the property with Gary Whitson to start work planning. ROEs going out this week. Working on a plan for the attached BLM land.
Bummerville/Blizzard Mine – G. Long reported two bids were received. Selection will be made this week.
2. Ad Hoc Committee – Contracts and Policies – G. Long reported the RFP was approved by County Council. He and D. Simpson are working on the Manager Checklist.
3. Ad Hoc Committee - Bylaws – M. Dvorak reported his committee is working on the draft. They are getting another format from LAFCO to work from since they are aiming to provide the most appropriate and concise Bylaw for our organization.
4. Ad Hoc Committee - Sale of Building –J. Marsili reported they are preparing a Request for Quote for a Realtor to present at our next meeting.

5. Bummerville Project Manager Job Announcement – After some discussion, **K. Lambert made motion to approve job description as written, second by J. Marsili. On a 4-0-0 vote, job description was approved.**
6. Recruitment of three board members –G. Long reported that B. Dubois has reapplied. The Board of Supervisors have received three applications for the one Member-at-Large position, and none for the water position.
7. Grant Proposals Update – G. Long reported that Amador RCD is lead on the \$1.4M Sierra Growth Council project and we'll be a partner on it. The proposal for the CA Wildlife grant will be going before the CARCD board this month.
8. Website Update – M. Cole previewed the new site and reported it should be going live next week. She also noted that all board members will be receiving new email addresses that will be posted on the site so they will need to set those up.

New Business:

1. Letter of Support for Blue Mountain – After discussing the project, the Board would prefer to know more about the company and the grant before supporting it. G. Long will notify the requestor.
2. Give G. Long Authority to submit Letters of Support – Because of the concerns raised in the above item, **M. Dvorak made a motion to continue having all requests of support be brought to the board for a decision for each separately. Second by J. Marsili. On a 4-0-0 motion was approved.**

Reports:

1. Board Member announcements – K. Hafley suggests forming an Ad Hoc Committee to write a policy for Letters of Support. Associate Director B. Cook volunteered to be on this. He also would like to see elections happen in January.
 - M. Dvorak noted that LAFCO would like us to answer a questionnaire.
 - K. Lambert expressed appreciation for be able to attend the CSDRA Conference. Noted that J. Marsili did a very nice job in her presentation.
2. Staff announcements – None.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:20 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Keith Hafley  _____

Date 1/12/2023

Secretary, Julia Marsili  _____

Date 1/12/2023