

# Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

June 13, 2024

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by – J. Osbourn -Vice President @ 6:00 pm

**Board Members & Staff Present:** B. Dean; M. Dvorak; K. Lambert; S. Hodson; J. Osbourn-V.P; T. Walley, Executive Director; M. Cole-Admin; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director; D. Liechty, Project Mgr.

**Board Members & Staff Absent:** J. Marsili-President; B. Cook-Assoc. Director

**Others Present:** Kaylee Dillashaw; Jennifer Wood

**Introductions:** None

**Public Comment:** None.

## Reports:

1. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ms. Wood – Report was attached and later reviewed.
2. Executive Director Report – Ms. Walley reviewed attached report.
3. Staff Reports – Ms. Simpson reported Common Ground has given notice to leave due to a lack of funding. Ms. Cole reported the website has been updated with the minutes as well as some project updates. HVAC units have been fully serviced and now have a maintenance contract on them.

## Consent Agenda Items:

1. **Motion to approve the minutes and financials as submitted by B. Dean and second by K. Lambert. Passed on a 4/0/2 (absent) vote.**

## Old Business:

1. Updates on Current CalFire Grants in addition to attached report:
  - Forest Meadows/Wylderidge: D. Liechty reported contractor has 30-40 acres complete.
  - Murphys to Forest Meadows Fuels Reduction: project is complete. Closeout was received.
  - Highway 108 North Fuels Reduction: D. Liechty reported AERI has decided they cannot complete the project so they will send a letter saying as much. We will now go out to bid this summer for another contractor.
  - Fricot City Road Fuels Reduction: D. Liechty reported West portion is finished. The East end has stopped work, being too dry to work. We received a citation from Public Works for an encroachment permit that was not filed by the contractor. T. Walley and Forester Struffenegger are handling this.
  - Mokelumne Hill Fuels Reduction: D. Liechty reported Krisman has left the project for fire season. They will return to fix an unmarked backroad issue that had too many chips left on

it. A slide show was presented showing the amount of quality work that has been completed so far with pictures by K. Lambert and D. Liechty.

- NW Calaveras Fuels Reduction: D. Liechty reported CEQA contractor is moving along. They have increased the size of the project for better road protection in the future.
- Calaveras Unified School District Fuels Reduction & Demonstration Forest: D. Simpson reported CEQA has been completed.

### **SNC Grants Update:**

1. Update on Current SNC Grants:

- SNC Bummerville/Blizzard Mine: D. Liechty reported Contractor will return to the project in the Fall.

### **New Business:**

1. **Motion to approve Bordges contract amendment to extend for another year** by M. Dvorak and second by K. Lambert. Passed on a 5/0/1 vote.
2. **Motion to authorize Executive Director to terminate contract with AERI if it becomes necessary** by B. Dean and second by M. Dvorak. Passed on a 5/0/1 vote.
3. M. Dvorak gave a presentation on starting a prescribed burn program by discussing the process, advantages, history, opportunities, concerns and responsibilities. **Motion was made to approve the formation of Calaveras Prescribed Burn Association as a program of CCRC and appoint Claire Rappaport as the volunteer program manager** by M. Dvorak and second by B. Dean. Passed on a 5/0/1 vote.
4. Appoint a Board Member to the Hardwood Advisory Committee – Tabled
5. **Motion to authorize changing bank signatory on all El Dorado accounts: Remove Dana Simpson; Add Trina Walley** by M. Dvorak and second by B. Dean. Passed on a 5/0/1 vote.
6. **Motion to approve Resolution 2024-3 to apply for Sierra Nevada Conservancy Regional Forest & Fire Capacity Program** by B. Dean and second by S. Hodson. Passed on a 5/0/1 vote.

### **Announcements:**

1. Board Member announcements – None
2. Staff announcements – D. Simpson reported next Friday will be her last day, and she will miss us. She will be working full-time at the Amador RCD. The auditor will give his audit report at the July meeting. M. Cole brought cupcakes in honor of D. Simpson's last meeting. T. Walley reported there will be a Stakeholder meeting on July 30 or 31. She will attend a Reforestation Camp.

**Adjournment of meeting** – Adjourned at 8:09pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

Vice President, John Osbourn John Osbourn

Date 7/11/24

Secretary, Mary Cole Mary M. Cole

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