

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

July 14, 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: S. Beckman-President; B. Dubois-Secretary/Treasurer; M. Dvorak; K. Hafley-Vice President; K. Lambert; G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant; Mary Cole-Admin; Kaylee Dillashaw, Project Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: Laurie Plautz-Project Manager

Others Present: Ben Cook; Allison Tokunaga (USDA/NRCS); Julia Marsili; Mary Boblet; Johnnie Siliznoff; Pat McGreevy- Cal Am

Closed Session: After meeting with legal counsel, no reportable action to taken.

Public Comment: None.

Partner Comment: Allison Tokunaga, NRCS reported that a new forester has started in the Jackson office, but no news yet on district conservationist replacement. Johnnie Siliznoff, NRCS Area 3 manager, reported they are collaborating with several RCDs with collecting information. There are still several openings for Area District Conservationists, including the Jackson LPO (Allison Tokunaga has a temporary posting) Pat McGreevy, Cal Am, reported BLM archaeologist to start work in the next few weeks on Bummerville project. S. Beckman read Jesse Fowler's (Ag Dept) submitted report.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 6/9/22 Minutes. Board Action – **Keith Hafley made motion to approve, K. Lambert second. On a 5-0-0 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of June 2022 Finance Reports – **Keith Hafley made motion to approve, K. Lambert second. On a 5-0-0 vote, financials were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows – G. Long reported that the three contractors were put on hold as of June 30 for fire safety. RJW will be chipping material that has been previously piled in areas where it is safe to work.

Forest Meadows to Wylderidge - The Contractor has been chosen and will start after fire season.

Pine Ridge – This project is currently on hold.

Pine Mountain Lake (Tuolumne County) – ROEs have been sent out. There is a meeting planned with two of the major property owners.

Moke Hill Fuels Reduction project is moving forward. ROEs will go out late fall.

2. Building Tenants Update –UCCE signed a three-month lease extension (until Sept. 30) with the terms decided at last board meeting.

3. Ad Hoc Committee – Contracts and Policies – S. Beckman reported that he, D. Simson, G. Long and L. Plautz met and worked on a Request for Proposal template a draft will be sent to County Counsel, also worked on cleaning up the CCRCDD email accounts and a project managers task list.
4. Ad Hoc Committee - Bylaws – M. Dvorak reported his committee met to review the San Joaquin County bylaws. He will send a modified version to County Council for review, then will bring to Board after reviewing their comments.

New Business:


1. Lilac Park Hazardous Fuels Reduction project – Mary Boblet reviewed her background and described the project for which they have received grant funds. They are looking to change fiscal sponsors and is asking the CCRCDD if they will take this on and possibly be the CEQA lead agency. After answering several questions from the Board, it was suggested to have a meeting with D. Simpson, G. Long and one board member to review the budget for feasibility. **M. Dvorak made a motion to table the decision and form an ad hoc committee of Long, Simpson and Dubois to meet with Ms. Boblet. Second by K. Lambert. On a 5/0/0 vote, motion passed.**
2. Consider Changing Website Providers – M. Cole presented the option of Streamline, who specializes in special district compliance, to become the new website provider. She showed a mock-up of the new site. She noted this change would bring the CCRCDD compliant with local, state and federal regulations for special districts. The Board supported M. Cole to pursue this further and to move forward.
3. Consider Changing Virtual Platform – G. Long noted that since our current platform of GoToMeeting has had some issues, he proposes we switch to Zoom for future virtual meetings. **K. Hafley made a motion to approve changing to Zoom. Second by M. Dvorak. On a 5/0/0 vote, motion passed.**
4. Grant Opportunities – G. Long reported he is in talks with Amador and Tuolumne RCDs on a potential grant through Strategic Growth Council for resiliency on working lands, Hoping to have a presentation at the August board meeting.

Reports:

1. Committee Reports – None.
2. Other Items for Consideration – None.
3. Board Member announcements – M. Dvorak reported that Tuolumne County has some water quality testing equipment and is available for us to borrow. S. Beckman reported he will be out of town July 23-31.
4. Staff announcements – G. Long introduced Julia Marsili who has applied to become a board member. She is a grant specialist for the California Fire Safe Council. D. Simpson noted that the budget has not yet been approved and will be on the August agenda to discuss when the best time of year it is to vote on it. She also noted that the “Owl” (virtual camera and mic system) was borrowed from the Amador RCD and used for this meeting. She hopes we can get our own as it worked very well, although it costs \$1,500.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm.**

Attest:
President, Sid Beckman 

Date 8/11/2022

Secretary, Brady Dubois 

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