

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

April 13, 2023

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by J. Marsili -President @ 6:00 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: M. Dvorak; K. Lambert-V.P.; J. Marsili-President; Y. Tiscornia; Ben Cook-Assoc. Director; G. Long-Executive Director; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director; M. Cole-Admin; L. Plautz-Project Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: B. Dubois; K. Hafley; K. Dillashaw, Project Manager

Others Present: Jennifer Wood-NRCS; John Benoit-LAFCO

Public Comment: None

Partner Comment: Jesse Fowler sent a report stating if anyone knows of a Class A driver who would like to get on our on-call list as extra hire we would welcome more applicants.

John Benoit of LAFCO explained LAFCO and how we were started as an RCD. He has performed a Service Review on us to assess and send comments. Digital copies will be sent out by G. Long.

G. Long introduced Jennifer Wood of our local NRCS. Ms. Wood stated that she is a soil scientist from the Sacramento area. And that a recent soil survey has been conducted and would like some interpretative products to explain it. She noted that a new forester has been hired, with another coming on soon. As there is no ~~ranger~~ range conservationist on staff, the rangeland side of her work is backed up. Additional funds are available for new programs.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 3/9/22 Minutes. Board Action – **M. Dvorak made the motion to approve with corrections, second by K. Lambert. On a 4-0-2 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of March 2023 Finance Reports – **K. Lambert made the motion to approve, second by M. Dvorak. On a 3-0-2-1 vote, financials were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Update on Current CalFire Grants:
 - Forest Meadows to Wylderidge – L. Plautz reported she visited the site and found it still to be too wet. Expects to restart the project on May 1.
 - Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows –Tanner Logging has returned to work. G. Long has met with the TCU forester. Two units have been completed.
 - Highway 108 – Project area still has snow.
 - Fricot City – G. Long reported CEQA contract has been offered to Ed Struffenegger .
 - Pine Mountain Lake – G. Long reported CEQA Contractor has seen a Great Grey Owl and has finally spotted the nest which will require a ½ mile barrier around the nest area during the fledging season.
 - Moke Hill – G. Long reported the CEQA contract has been offered to Ed Struffenegger.

2. Update on Current SNC Grants:
 - Pine Ridge – L. Plautz reported that Jan Bray has reviewed the site and found it ready to begin work.
 - Bummerville/Blizzard Mine – L. Plautz reported contracts are signed. Bird surveys are needed. One proposal was received for this, however Jan Bray and Pat McGreevy will do them until the contractor has been hired.
3. Update on Current CCRCDC Grants:
 - Climate Resilience Through Habitat Restoration – G. Long reported a contract has been signed, and once our Notice of Exemption #4 is in we can begin work.
4. Ad Hoc Committee - Bylaws – J. Marsili reported she will schedule a meeting with the committee.
5. Ad Hoc Committee - Sale of Building – J. Marsili reported a request for qualifications audit is out for review. She will schedule a meeting with the committee.

New Business:

1. Full Time Equivalent change for G. Long – After explaining that the FTE is for holiday pay only based on his increased hours, **Y. Tiscornia made a motion to approve the request to increase G. Long's FTE from .25 to .75. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 4/0/2.**
2. Request to form an Ad Hoc Committee for performance review of G. Long – J. Marsili requested a volunteer to form this ad hoc committee. **M. Dvorak made a motion to form this ad hoc committee consisting of J. Marsili, M. Dvorak, K. Lambert. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 4/0/2.**
3. Approve Ad Hoc Selection Committee's Selection for the Fricot City Project – **K. Lambert made a motion to approve the Committee's contractor selection of Ed Struffenegger. Second by Y. Tiscornia. Motion passed 4/0/2.**
4. Approve Ad Hoc Selection Committee's Selection for the Moke Hill Project – **M. Dvorak made a motion to approve the Committee's contractor selection of Ed Struffenegger. Second by Y. Tiscornia. Motion passed 4/0/2.**
5. Approve Ad Hoc Selection Committee's Selection for the Bummerville/Blizzard Mine Bird Survey Project – **K. Lambert made a motion to approve the Committee's contractor selection of Perennial, LLC. Second by M. Dvorak. Motion passed 4/0/2.**
6. Approve Tanner Logging for Murphys to Forest Meadows – After discussion of the correctness of this choice, G. Long has been directed to contact County Council for advice. Because time is of the essence in this case, a special meeting will be called as soon as G. Long has the County Council recommendation. **M. Dvorak made a motion to table the decision until G. Long has received CC's recommendation and a special meeting can be called. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 4/0/2.**
7. Letter from Auditor, David Farnsworth – D. Simpson reported that the auditor will attend the June meeting with an audit report.

Reports:

1. Board Member announcements – None.
2. Staff announcements – G. Long noted to review his attached ED report.

— D. Simpson reminded the Board to take their required Ethics class.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 8:06 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Julia Marsili _____

Date _____

Secretary, Brady Dubois _____

Date _____