

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)
Board Meeting
January 4, 2018
Board of Supervisors Chambers
891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: Meeting opened by R. Dean-President @ 6:00 pm

Board Members Present: R. Dean-President, G. Long-Secretary, M. Robie, F. Schabram-Treasurer
T. Sullivan-Vice President

Board Members Absent: K. Hafley, N. Valente

Others Present: Brady Dubois, Bobette Parsons-NRCS, Cory Fisk-Cal Co Construction
Management Consultant

Pledge of Allegiance

General Public Comment:

Brady Dubois was presented as a candidate to be an Associate Director of RCD-CC. **T. Sullivan made a motion to accept Brady Dubois as an Associate Director of RCD-CC, effective immediately.** Second by M. Robie. On a 5-0-2 vote, motion passed.

Bobette Parsons presented her report from NRCS. She indicated they just completed the largest conservation easement in Calaveras County. The Board discussed having her be a speaker at one of our monthly lectures. She suggested that lecture also include different entities, such as land trusts, a tax person, and the like.

Regular Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 12/14/17 Minutes. Board Action – T. Sullivan made motion to approve, F. Schabram second. On a 5-0-2 vote, minutes were approved.
2. Ad hoc committees.
 - a) Water and Soil – M. Robie reported that Calaveras River got flushed by Army Corp of Engineers. It now has Chinook salmon running.
 - b) Forestry & Habitat – T. Sullivan reported there is a SRA grant possibility, worth \$10M for tree mortality. He was requested to send an FYI email to the board regarding this grant to be reviewed further.
 - c) Governance – B. Dean made a treasurer's report that he deposited a check paid by CCWD for the rent of the board room, giving us a balance of \$3,308.11. He then paid some bills amounting to roughly \$400.
3. Liability Insurance – No report.
4. Strategic Planning meeting – The strategic planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 20th from 10am – 2 pm at the Calaveras Main Library in San Andreas.

5. Progress Report from County Construction Management Consultant Cory Fisk – Cory presented charts of estimated costs for 4 options of modification levels from just enough to get in, up to adding an elevator for full ADA compliance. She discussed the variations that had estimates totaling \$295K - \$582K. She indicated that we would need to come up with the financing and the County would repay it in the form of rent. She has to present a master plan to the County on January 17.
6. Monthly lecture series – Bobette noted that NRCS might assist with expenses of these lectures. She will send a draft proposal to B. Dean for him to modify and submit.
7. RCD website – M. Cole had no update. It was suggested it needs to have a calendar.
8. Discussion on G. Long become District Manager – G. Long handed out job descriptions for District Manager and Executive Director to discuss which one would best fit our needs. It was then suggested it be added to next month’s agenda for a decision.
9. Cal Fire Grants – T. Sullivan noted these failed due to a specific item as written but is looking into having this rewritten to comply.
10. Board Member Reports – G. Long reported on an SNC grant for fuel reduction had an \$8,000 excess that he is getting \$2,000 for his work; \$1,400 for vests; and a scholarship fund is being setup for forestry students at the 3 universities who will return to Calaveras County. M. Robie would like a discussion on BLM to be added to the next agenda. He would like to identify some BLM properties that can be purchased and put back into the private sector. B. Dean noted his concern about the lack of log dumps for the removed dead trees.

Adjournment of meeting. Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by T. Sullivan, 2nd by G. Long. Motion carries on a 5-0-2 vote. Meeting adjourned @ 7:25 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, February 1st.
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Attest:

President Robert Dean _____

Secretary Gordon Long _____