

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Board Meeting

September 4, 2019

Board of Supervisors Chambers

891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: Meeting opened by R. Dean-President @ 6:05 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman; R. Dean-President; M. Robie; F. Schabram; T. Sullivan-Vice President; N. Valente -Treasurer; Mary Cole-Admin Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant

Board Members & Staff Absent: K. Hafley; G. Long-Executive Director;

Others Present: Brady Dubois; Pete Padelford; Jill Micheau; Terry Stone; Mindy Rasmussen; Toni Ann Fischer; Scott Oneto; Kevin Wright

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 8/01/19 Minutes. Board Action – **T. Sullivan made motion to approve, F. Schabram second. On a 6-0-1 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of Finance Reports – **T. Sullivan made motion to approve, S. Beckman second. On a 6-0-1 vote, reports were approved.**
3. RCD Partners – None

New Business:

4. UCCE Weed Task Force – Scott Oneto spoke of the history of Weed Management Program started in the 90's. But was dissolved in 2008 due to lost funding. He thinks it's time to restart the program because there is new funding available. He is asking RCD if we want to join the new group. Kevin Wright added that there are options now such as goat grazing, as well as chemicals for weed abatement. He adds that he believes there is \$20,000 available to each agency that participates. Mr. Oneto adds that we need a plan. I.e., education programs, test sites for different procedures. T. Sullivan asked if there was a past project that could be resurrected. **A motion was made by F. Schabram and seconded by T. Sullivan to form an Ad Hoc Committee to come up with ideas. Committee to consist of Kevin Wright, Scott Oneto, Francis Schabram, Nic Valente. 6/0/1.**
5. Rental Agreement with Calaveras Farm Bureau – Toni Ann Fischer, Farm Bureau Secretary spoke to the Board about their need to relocate their office space. They are a membership organization that holds once-a-month meetings of 15-20 people. They need a small space to house their file cabinet and space to hold the meetings. ADA space is not a requirement. The Board agreed to have G. Long get in touch with them to make arrangements as they agree to let them use the space upstairs (until the Boardroom is available.)

Old Business:

6. Lease with Common Ground – Tabled.

7. Progress on Mill Woods Project – P. Padelford stated he had to put the project on hold because the contractor was getting the work done faster than payments were coming in. There is 2-3 weeks of clean-up to finish.
8. Progress of PGE grant – P. Padelford reported he has chosen a contractor. He has handed out proposals for Highway 4 Corridor Fuel Reduction. Will start work next week. **A motion was made by T> Sullivan and seconded by N. Valente to approve hiring Proper Pruning as the contractor as soon as the signed contract is received by Dana (accounting). 6/0/1**
9. Discussion of BLM parcel issues – M. Robie noted BLM does not have a procedure for selling any land. Orders to sell need to come from Congressman McClintock. B. Dean says Supervisor Dennis ills will be speaking to Matt Reed (McClintock’s assistant) with a specific plan. M. Robie suggests the County choose a piece of land for development and sue BLM in eminent domain.
10. Progress of RCCP Project – Tabled.
11. SNC Forest Health Grant – J. Micheau gave an update of the progress. She was approved to submit the final application. We would get 10% of the \$99,000 grant. Application is due in October..
12. Discussion of DOC grant through the ACT Partnership –Tabled.
13. Boardroom Renovations Committee – Nothing new to report.
14. Fire Marshall position – Job title was changed to Fire Inspector and no applicants as yet.
15. Board Reports – S. Beckman reported attending a meeting with the Stanislaus and Sierra National Forests on “Moving Toward Resiliency within the Mokelumne to Kings Landscape” to plan increasing acreage to be treated. B. Dean asked for a position statement to be formed and approved at our next meeting.
T. Sullivan is soliciting letters of support for a Hazard Reduction Program. He requests this be on the next agenda.
16. Staff Reports – No reports.

Adjournment of regular meeting. Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by T. Sullivan, 2nd by F. Schabram. Motion carries on a 6-0-1 vote. Meeting adjourned @ 7:15 pm.

Closed Session - Personnel issue discussed and board agreed to no further discussion or action. Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2019.
Meetings adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Attest:
President, Robert Dean _____

Date _____

Secretary, Gordon Long _____

Date _____