

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

January 11, 2024

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: B. Dean; M. Dvorak; S. Hodson; K. Lambert-V.P.; J. Marsili-President; J. Osbourn; Y. Tiscornia B. Cook-Assoc. Director; M. Cole-Admin; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director; P. McGreevy, Project Mgr.

Board Members & Staff Absent: K. Dillashaw, Project Mgr.; D. Liechty, Project Mgr.; L. Plautz-Project Mgr.

Others Present: Gary Whitson; Jennifer Wood; Brady Dubois; Dennis Hood; Mitchell Garcia

Introductions: None

Public Comment: Dennis Hood, property owner in Bummerville Project area, asked that we resume work as soon as possible as it is a very important project. Mitchell Garcia, property owner in Bummerville project area, requests a resolution to the mistake that was made on his property.

Order of Business:

1. Partner Comment: Jennifer Wood, NRCS, reviewed her supplied report.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. **B. Dean made a motion to approve both minutes with amendment to attendees, and financials as submitted. Second by J. Osbourn. Motion passed on a 7/0/0 vote.**

Old Business:

1. Updates on Current CalFire Grants in addition to attached report:
 - Forest Meadows/Wylderidge: no additional comments.
 - Murphys to Forest Meadows Fuels Reduction project: no additional comments.
 - Highway 108 North Fuels Reduction Project: no additional comments
 - Fricot City Road Fuels Reduction Project: no additional comments.
 - Mokelumne Hill Fuels Reduction Project: no additional comments.
 - NW Calaveras Fuels Reduction Project – no additional comments.
 - Calaveras Unified School District Fuels Reduction & Demonstration Forest Project – no additional comments.

SNC Grants Update:

2. Update on Current SNC Grants:

- SNC Pine Ridge Project – Final sign was installed.
 - SNC Bummerville/Blizzard Mine Project: P. McGreevy reports Bald Mountain South Unit is 98% complete and would like permission to complete. The remaining area is half mile from trespass area. He then addressed the spreadsheet to discuss the logging issue. He suggests writing a BLM grant, due Feb. 5, to pay for logs and/or get a BLM stewardship agreement in partnership with the County to promote future ease of operations with BLM. Next step options were discussed.
3. Ad Hoc Policy Committee – A minor change was made to the Vehicle Use Policy. **B. Dean made a motion to approve the policy as amended. Second by J. Osbourn. Motion passed on 7/0/0 vote.** J. Marsili dissolved the committee and will have E.D., T. Walley take over future policy revisions and creations.
 4. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee – J. Marsili has also dissolved this committee until further direction from E.D., T. Walley.

New Business:

1. Approve proposal for BLM CA Forest & Woodlands Resource Management – **B. Dean made a motion to support submission of this grant. Second by M. Dvorak. Motion passed on 7/0/0 vote.**
2. Approve Resolution 2024_02 – DOC Climate Smart Land Management Program –T. Walley reviewed the program. **B. Dean made a motion to approve Resolution 2024_02 and allow E.D. to decide the amount to request. Seconded by J. Osbourn on 7/0/0 vote, motion passed.**
3. T. Walley reviewed the attached Strategic Planning Process.

Reports:

1. Board Member announcements – J. Marsili noted she will not be present at the March board meeting. J. Osbourne thanked K. Lambert for his leadership in holding the Moke Hill Project Town Hall meeting.
2. Staff announcements – E. D. report is attached. She noted she will be remote for the February meeting.

CLOSED SESSION – Opened at 7:54 pm

1. § 54957(b) Personnel Matter – **J. Marsili made a motion to continue cessation of work on Bummerville South unit until resolution is achieved. Seconded by Y. Tiscornia on 7/0/0 vote, motion passed.**
2. § 54956.9(d)(2) Anticipated Litigation – **B. Dean made a motion to follow advice of counsel to reject the claim. Seconded by J. Osbourn on 7/0/0 vote, motion passed.**

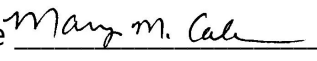
Adjournment of meeting – Meeting adjourned @ 9:03 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Julia Marsili 

Date 2/8/2024

Secretary, Mary Cole 

Date 2/8/2024