

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

February 9, 2023

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

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

Board Members & Staff Present: M. Dvorak; K. Hafley- President; K. Lambert; J. Marsili; Y. Tiscornia; G. Long-Executive Director; M. Cole-Admin; K. Dillashaw, Project Manager; L. Plautz-Project Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: B. Dubois; Ben Cook-Assoc. Director; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director

Others Present: Emma Bell-Calaveras County Safety Officer

Public Comment: None.

Swearing in of Yvonne Tiscornia – K. Hafley conducted the swearing in of our new board member.

Partner Comment: None.

Herbicide Treatment Presentation – Emma Bell-Safety Officer for Calaveras County gave a presentation on the herbicide treatment program being planned by the Department of Public Works. She started with the history of the Roadside Spray Program. She noted they are making plans from the recommendations from a report from the Pesticide Control Agent. They department has received some new spray equipment noting there are two spray seasons. She then explained what herbicides have been suggested, but that the final decision will be up to the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors. The final plan will be available on the County Public Works website.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 12/8/22 Minutes. Board Action – **J. Marsili made motion to approve, second by K. Lambert. On a 5-0-0 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of December 2022 and January 2023 Finance Reports – **K. Lambert made motion to approve, second by M. Dvorak. On a 5-0-0 vote, financials were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows – G. Long reported that Tanner Logging has resumed work after the completed portion had been reviewed and approved by the Forester.
Forest Meadows to Wylderidge – L. Plautz reported work was started then the rains came. It will restart by mid-March. There has been one neighbor complaint that has been dealt with, while the property Owners have been happy with the work that has been done so far.
Pine Mountain Lake – G. Long reported meeting with CEQA Contractor.
Pine Ridge – K. Dillashaw reported the ground is too wet to bring in equipment. It was approved for handwork to begin.
Moke Hill – G. Long reported he is still working on the ROEs.
Fricot City – G. Long reported he is still working on the ROEs.
Highway 108 – G. Long reported the CEQA has been done. The RFP process will start in the Spring.

Bummerville/Blizzard Mine – G. Long reported new BLM Forester has been hired and will be our contact. He is working on flagging the property corners. We have asked CCWD to flag their lines to avoid damaging them. The committee is reviewing the contractor bids. A bird survey will be conducted on the BLM land on March 1.

2. Ad Hoc Committee - Bylaws – M. Dvorak reported J. Marsili will be the committee Chair. J. Marsili then reported they hope to have a draft ready for review at the next meeting.
3. Ad Hoc Committee - Sale of Building – J. Marsili reported she has sent a Request for Quote (RFQ) to be reviewed by G. Long and B. Cook.

New Business:

1. Election of Officers – K. Hafley made a motion to nominate J. Marsili for President. Second by K. Lambert. **M. Dvorak made a motion to elect J. Marsili for President. Second by K. Hafley. Motion passed 5/0/0.**

J. Marsili made a motion to nominate K. Lambert for Vice President. Second by K. Hafley. **M. Dvorak made a motion to elect K. Lambert for Vice President. Second by K. Hafley. Motion passed 5/0/0.**

K. Lambert made a motion to nominate B. Dubois for Secretary/Treasurer. Second by M. Dvorak. **M. Dvorak made a motion to elect B. Dubois for Secretary/Treasurer. Second by K. Hafley. Motion passed 5/0/0.**

2. Change signatory on bank accounts – **M. Dvorak made a motion to add Julia Marsili, President as a signatory on the bank accounts. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 5/0/0.**
3. Add a new bank account for the Bummerville/Blizzard Mine SNC Project - **M. Dvorak made a motion to add a new bank account for the new project. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 5/0/0.**
4. Storm damage – G. Long reported that the down spouts had broken away allowing a lot of water to drain into the lower floor (basement) of the building. Then the hose came off the sump pump, allowing more water to drain inside the building. He has purchased an air purifier, a large fan to dry out the rooms and cement fix to block entry of the water. He also noted that the heating unit does not work in that end of the building.
5. Grant Application Resolution 2023-01 – G. Long reported that the CalFire California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grants Program was applied for and lost last year but was encouraged to apply again this year as we had a good application. There was discussion around whether or not he should include the cost of a chipper (equipment) or just leave it at masticating only. The Board agreed they would like to see the application with the actual budget for both with the chipper and without it. G. Long will provide these at the next meeting.
6. Williamson Act Revision – For information only. Calaveras County is asking for public comment.

Reports:

1. Board Member announcements
 - M. Dvorak will be attending a meet & greet with the Prescribed Burn Assn. Feb. 23.
 - K. Lambert and G. Long are working on a tree planting project on Ponderosa Rd.

– J. Marsili noted AB338 would expand the definition of public works to include fuel reduction.

2. Staff announcements – G. Long reported that the high school has requested a grant for work around the school of 17 acres.


Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Julia Marsili 

Date 2/18/2023

Secretary, Brady Dubois 

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