

## Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

March 4, 2021

RCD In-Person & Virtual via GoToMeeting

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by S. Beckman-President @ 6:00 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman-President; B. Dubois; K. Hafley; K. Lambert; T. Robertson; G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant; Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: M. Robie;

Others Present: Bobette Parson, NRCS; Kaylee Dillashaw-Tanner Logging; Dane Wadle-SDRMA; Jesse Fowler, Ag Commissioner; Jill Micheau

**Public Comment:** Dane Wadle introduced himself and discussed current efforts of SDRMA to support RCD's and other Special Districts in California.

**Partners:** Ag Commissioner Ms. Fowler reported on the Agriculture Dept. Ms. Parsons reviewed her NRCS Report.

### Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 2/4/21 Minutes. Board Action –**K. Hafley made motion to approve, B. Dubois second. On a 5-0-1 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of February 2021 Finance Reports – **K. Hafley made motion to approve, B. Dubois second. On a 5-0-1 vote, financials were approved.**

### Old Business:

1. Update on Projects: *reported on by E.D. Gordon Long*

The CEQA contractor is doing the work of locating potential cultural sites but so far nothing has been found that is culturally significant. Those areas that are significant will be marked for avoidance during ground operations. The biologist has also been completing wildlife surveys. The next step is to do outreach to educate the landowners treatment prescriptions. CEQA field work should be done by mid-April. Ms. Micheau added that the third quarter report has been sent out for input, and will be ready to turn in next week.

G. Long had a meeting with Sierra Nevada Conservancy to look for joint projects. They don't yet have any funding so we are to inquire again later. He is still looking into home hardening projects that would aid in loss of structures during wildfires. The Monarch habitat educational grant is being developed with Mariposa/Amador/Calaveras/Tuolumne RCD's.

2. Building Site Update – K. Hafley researched who to contact for the process to get power to the board room building. T. Robertson spoke with two land use consultants and was advised to obtain a land use attorney. He volunteered to help find one. S. Beckman reported his research and agrees the next step is to get a consultant experienced in the sale of publicly owned commercial real estate. An ad hoc committee was formed to work on this. They will be M. Robie, K. Hafley and T. Robertson.

### New Business:

1. Brown Act – G. Long asked the board to review the 30 slides provided by the Calaveras County Clerk's office. And emphasized to NOT use "reply all" when responding to an email.

2. Submission of grants – G. Long reported on the PG&E grant received in November. A submission for 2021 was made for 23 acres (7 miles) of roadside brushing within the Butte Fire area for a \$98k contract. We should hear by April.

Other grants in the works are a \$15k grant for monarch education. We would share the admin work with Amador and their \$15k grant.

Talking with El Dorado RCD about seeds and seedlings project. B. Dubois had ideas about locating the seed trees needed for the project. He will help with some research.

And S. Beckman spoke about a forest health grant.

3. Officer nominations – Nominations were made and accepted for Sid Beckman/President; Keith Hafley/Vice President; Brady Dubois/Secretary-Treasurer.

**Motion was made to accept the slate of officers as named by K. Hafley, second by T. Robertson. Passed on a 5/0/1 vote.**

4. Work Day – G. Long would like some volunteers to help on a work day to clear brush and debris around property. He suggests the last Saturday of each quarter for about two hours. Next work day will be June 26 from 9 – 11 am.

**Reports:**

5. Committee Reports – None.
6. Other Items for Consideration – None.
7. Board Member announcements – S. Beckman is working on the internal control letter to meet SDRMA guidelines. D. Simpson is in touch with an auditor. He also noted that the remaining board position is now open. If you know anyone who would be a good fit, ask them to apply.
8. Staff announcements – None.

**Adjournment of meeting.** Meeting adjourned @ 7:20 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, April 1, 2021** via GoToMeeting.

Attest:

President, Sid Beckman



Date 4/1/2021

Secretary, Brady Dubois



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