

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

September 8, 2022

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; M. Dvorak; K. Hafley-Vice President; K. Lambert; Julia Marsili; Ben Cook-Assoc. Director; G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Finance Director; Mary Cole-Admin; Kaylee Dillashaw, Project Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: B. Dubois-Secretary; Laurie Plautz-Project Manager

Others Present: Jessie Fowler: Paul Prescott-Calaveras Big Trees Association; Matt Harrison-CalFire; Pat McGreevy - CalAm

Public Comment: None.

Partner Comment: Jessie Fowler, Ag Dept. reported that the bird flu has been seen in Tuolumne County. The crop report is forthcoming.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 8/11/22 Minutes. Board Action – **K. Lambert made motion to approve, second by J. Marsili. On a 4-1-1 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of August 2022 Finance Reports – **K. Lambert made motion to approve, second by J. Marsili. On a 4-1-1 vote, financials were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows – G. Long reported that invoices have been submitted, waiting on requested advances from Cal Fire. RJW will resume working on chipping when it cools down a bit.
Forest Meadows to Wylderidge – Nothing new to report.
Pine Ridge – Nothing new to report.
Fricot City-Highway 108 – Working on the Right of Entry forms.
2. Ad Hoc Committee – Contracts and Policies – S. Beckman reported they received legal review from County Council of the Request for Proposals with minor edits. D. Simpson is creating a fillable PDF. They have also sent a draft contract form for the County Council to review.
3. Ad Hoc Committee - Bylaws – M. Dvorak reported his committee sent a draft of the Bylaws to County Counsel for review. It will need to be re-worked and updated.
4. Conflict of Interest Code (COI) – G. Long reviewed the template received from County Council. **M. Dvorak made a motion to approve the proposed COI Code. K. Lambert second. On a 5/0/1 vote, motion passed.**
5. Conflict of Interest Code (COI) Resolution 2022_05 – **M. Dvorak made a motion to approve Resolution 2022_05. K. Hafley second. On a 5/0/1 vote, motion passed.**

6. Sale of Building – Discussion of selling the whole property vs a lot split. **M. Dvorak made a motion to sell the whole property as is and create a reserve account with the proceeds to cover the cost of rent for at least 2 years. And to create an ad hoc committee to manage the sale. J. Marsili second. On a 4/1/1 vote, motion passed.** Ad Hoc Committee to be G. Long, J. Marsili & B. Cook.

New Business:

1. Consider Contractors' License(s) – Discussion on the merits of certain licenses required for mechanical vegetation treatment, **S. Beckman made a motion to require all future Contractors to have either a Contractors State License Board C61/D49 or a California Department of Forestry LTO-A license. J. Marsili second. On a 5/0/1 vote, motion passed.**
2. Support Letter for CA SB 926 – M. Dvorak reviewed the Senate Bill, Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program: Prescribed Fire Claims Fund. **M. Dvorak made a motion to approve sending he proposed letter. K. Lambert second. On a 5-0-1 vote, motion passed.**
3. Recruiting 3 New Board Members – S. Beckman reported there are three 4-year positions on the board that will be open at the end of November. G. Long stated he would put out a call for possible candidates.
4. OES BRIC Grant –B. Cook reviewed the grant opportunity. It was determined to be a good option for next year as the filing date is too soon for this year. Requests the Board start thinking of projects that could be listed for next year. **K. Hafley made a motion to table for now. K. Lambert second. On a 5-0-1 vote, motion passed.**

Reports:

1. Board Member announcements – None.
2. Staff announcements – D. Simpson reported California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is having a Board Secretary/Clerk seminar, suggesting we may want to attend. J. Marsili stated she is attending this. G. Long reported he had a meeting with East Bay MUD for look at reforestation of areas within the Electra Fire footprint.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:50 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, October 13, 2022 at the new time of 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Sid Beckman _____

Date

Secretary, Brady Dubois _____

Date