

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

January 13, 2022

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by S. Beckman-President @ 6:45 pm

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

Board Members & Staff Absent: K. Hafley; M. Robie

Others Present: Jan Bray; Pat McGreevy

Public Comment: None.

Partners: None.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 12/9/21 Minutes. Board Action – **B. Dubois made motion to approve, K. Lambert second. On a 4-0-2 vote, minutes were approved with amendment of Reports Item 4.2 – duplication of Dana’s report.**
2. Approval of December 2021 Finance Reports – **B. Dubois made motion to approve, K. Lambert second. On a 4-0-2 vote, financials were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows, Wylderidge and Pine Ridge projects – G. Long reported that due to weather, equipment repairs and other commitments the Contractors have not yet started the Murphys to Forest Meadows project. We did receive the last ROE that was outstanding.

Laurie Plautz will hold a Town Hall meeting (virtual & in-person) is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19. 50 of the 51 ROEs have been received. Jan Bray has been awarded the CEQA work contract.

The Pine Ridge project has received all its ROEs. Next will be the sending out the RFPs for Contractor proposals.

2. Noxious Weed Spraying – We were informed that the spraying work has been returned to the County Public Works department and they have started making plans to do this year-round.
3. Approval of Office Equipment Expense – D. Simpson listed the furniture, equipment and software needs and their respective costs. She noted however that with the delay of the Murphys to Forest Meadows project, monies to pay for these will be delayed. **B. Dubois made a motion to prioritize the items and approve these expenditures based on availability of funds, K. Lambert second. On a 4-0-2 vote, expenses were approved.**
4. Executive Director position description – S. Beckman reported that a job description is currently being reviewed and will have one for the next meeting. K. Lambert requested seeing one from Tuolumne and Amador County RCDs.
5. Progress on sale of building – Mr. Beckman reported that our attorney recommended using Dillon and Murphy Engineering of Lodi to research the Map Act and determine the cost to do a lot-split.

New Business:

1. Modification of the 2021-2022 Budget – This was tabled for later review.
2. Personnel Policies – D. Simpson reviewed the items with questions – vacations/holidays. **B. Dubois made motion to approve the policy as written with the holidays as noted and the vacation to be two weeks/year, K. Lambert second. On a 4-0-2 vote, Policy was approved.**
3. Resolution 2022_1 – This Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant application is for work on BLM land around Bummerville and Blizzard Mine. It is for \$1.3M and will be awarded in June 2022 for work to be performed November '22 – February '23. **B. Dubois made motion to approve the Resolution, K. Lambert second. On a 4-0-2 vote, Resolution was approved.**
4. Resolution 2022_2 – These three CalFire grant applications is for work in the areas of Mokelumne Hill, Fricot City and Northwest Calaveras. They are for \$900K, and 2-2.25M respectively. These applications are due February 9, 2022. **B. Dubois made motion to approve the Resolution, M. Dvorak second. On a 4-0-2 vote, Resolution was approved.**
5. Contract Agreement between Tuolumne and Calaveras RCDs – Tabled.
6. Application for CA Wildlife Conservation Board block grant – G. Long explained this is actually a sub-application for CA NRCS grant for wildlife work. The first part of the application is due January 21. **B. Dubois made motion to approve the submission, K. Lambert second. On a 4-0-2 vote, application submission was approved.**

Reports:

1. Committee Reports – None.
2. Other Items for Consideration – None.
3. Board Member announcements – S. Beckman noted that B. Dubois and himself have terms that expire at the end of this year. We will hold Officer Elections at the March meeting.
4. Staff announcements – G. Long reported he was unable to attend the Hardwood meeting due to his exposure to COVID.


Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 8:21 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm.**

Attest:

President, Sid Beckman 

Date 2/10/22

Secretary, Brady Dubois 

Date 2/10/22