

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)
Board Meeting
September 14, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers
891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: Meeting opened by R. Dean-President @ 6:15 pm

Board Members Present: R. Dean-President, T. Sullivan-Vice President, F. Schabram, N. Valente

Board Members Absent: K. Hafley, G. Long-Secretary, M. Robie

Others Present: Brady Dubois, Kevin Wright-Ag Commissioner, Bobette Parsons-NRCS, Roy Evans-CalFire, Pete Padelford, Mike Johnson, Jill Michem, Deborah Kushnir, Marg Donnelly, M. Cole-RCD Staff

Pledge of Allegiance

General Public Comment: Introduction by CalFire rep Pete Padelford of guests who came to meet the RCD and to inform us of their ability and desire to help the RCD with grant writing. Jill has written a grant for CalFire, Debbie has a Masters in library science, is in public relations and research, while Marg is a proposal writer in architectural engineering. Then B. Dean gave an explanation of the RCD. P. Padelford reported CalFire has developed a plan and is now ready to write a grant to have the RCD manage the grant. We would get 10% for an administration fee.

B. Parsons reviewed her report, adding that the budget year has ended and there are no new contracts. There will be new signups in January.

Kevin Wright reported ranching and timber add most of value to Calaveras County. Beetle and burn logs have had a lot of volume, therefore a lot of value.

Regular Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 8/10/17 Minutes. Board Action – T. Sullivan made motion to approve, N. Valente second. On a 4-0-3 vote, minutes were approved.
2. Ad hoc committees.
 - a) Water and Soil – No report.
 - b) Forestry & Habitat – No report.
 - c) Governance – No report.
3. Presentation by CalAm-Pat McGreevy –Tabled as he wasn't present. Information only.
4. Discussion on establishing a bank account and PO Box for RCD – **A motion was made by F. Schabram to approve Bob Dean to open a PO Box for RCD. Second by T. Sullivan.** On a 4-0-3 vote, motion passed.
A motion was made by T. Sullivan to open a bank account for RCD. Second by F. Schabram. On a 4-0-3 vote, motion passed.

5. Establishing a Water Quality Project – Tabled.
6. Discussion with County re: rental/work agreement: Discussions are ongoing.
7. Consideration of Resolution to change venue and date of regular meeting – Tabled so entire board can participate in discussion and vote.
8. Consideration of Resolution to change document storage location – Tabled until renovations of new location are completed. It was felt it was better to leave them where they are until their permanent home is ready.
7. Board Member Reports: T. Sullivan spoke to the guests to tell them he is working with SPI to set a fire break.
 B. Dean noted that the time is coming neat to vote on new officers. He asks the board to think about if they would like to do it on the anniversary of the RCD or on the calendar year. B. Dean proposes a strategic planning meeting for the end of October. He has a facilitator lined up. He will add this item to next month’s agenda. B. Dean would like to hold a meeting with WACAP to include high-level decision makers. Information only.

Adjournment of meeting. Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by N. Valente, 2nd by T. Sullivan. Motion carries on a 4-0-3 vote. Meeting adjourned @ 7:25 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, October 12, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Attest:

President Robert Dean _____

Secretary Gordon Long _____