

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

Board Meeting

April 4, 2019

Board of Supervisors Chambers

891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

**Call to Order:** Meeting opened by R. Dean-President @ 6:10 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman; R. Dean-President; K. Hafley; M. Robie; F. Schabram-Treasurer; G. Long-Executive Director; Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: T. Sullivan-Vice President; N. Valente, Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant

Others Present: Jeff Stone, Fire Chief; Terry Stone; Dennis Mills, Supervisor District 4; Pete Padelford; Bob Polakov; Amanda Watson, Amador RCD; Jenn Shepard, CARCD; Lindsay Mattos, TCRCD.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Consent Agenda Items:**

1. Approval of 3/7/19 Minutes. Board Action – **F. Schabram made motion to approve, K. Hafley second. On a 5-0-2 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of Finance Reports – **F. Schabram made motion to approve, K. Hafley second. On a 5-0-2 vote, reports were approved.**
3. RCD Partners – G. Long handed out Bobette Parsons report to review.

### **New Business:**

4. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – Presentation by Jenn Shepard (CARCD), Amanda Watson (ARCD) and Lindsay Mattos (TCRCD) on the technical assistance program to for private landowners to address tree mortality on their property. The slide show discussed the budget, deliverables and goals of the program. Then discussed the implementation, timeline and the next steps. Which is an MOU with the 3 contributing county RCDs to be finalized at the May meeting.
5. Board Discussion of RCPP – Amanda Watson discussed the need for a sub-committee of all three agencies to brainstorm this program to create a framework for a partnership agreement that can be used on other projects in the future.
6. The resolutions 2019-003 and 004 were tabled until next month.
7. MOU with Cattlemen's Assn – G. Long attended their last meeting to present the idea of an MOU between the two organizations. He will bring a suggested letter to our next meeting.
8. Potential new grants – PG&E grant will probably be available again this year, so G. Long requested any areas of concern that he can start a list to get grant money for. It was noted that most grants are for fire prevention and forest health, but what is needed is a grant for hauling away dead trees.

### **Old Business:**

8. Office/Boardroom Renos – G. Long reported he is still waiting for feedback on his grant application. His backup plan is to find a grant that may be available from a foundation to cover the reno costs.

9. Mill Woods CalFire grant – B. Polakov reported the NOE was filed and is due to be accepted April 15. For the CEQA he is looking for three archaeologists. April 6 will be a walk-thru with property owners. CCWD is working on clearing up their part of their easement within the project area. The contract will be awarded on May 1 to start work after burn season; to be completed by fall. Debris will be masticated and packed down. Nothing will be removed or burned.
10. Discuss Tier 1 DOC grant and volunteer commitment – M. Robie expressed concern about volunteer time requirements that were called for in the DOC grant. In future, additional board member time requirements that are included in a grant will be addressed before a grant is applied for.
11. BLM Communications – M. Robie suggested we identify specific lots of interest by looking at maps. Dennis Mills added that BLM has money but no staff. On land where recreation is involved, he can work with Bureau of Reclamation to gain access to get work done. He suggests choosing one specific piece of BLM property to bring to the table for discussion. He will take this to McClintock’s staff. We will have this on the next agenda to choose a property.
12. Board Reports – None.
13. Staff Reports – None.

**Adjournment of meeting.** Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by K. Hafley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by F. Schabram. Motion carries on a 5-0-2 vote. Meeting adjourned @ 7:50 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Attest:

President, Robert Dean \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, Gordon Long \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_