Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting November 10, 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; Mary Cole-Admin; Kaylee Dillashaw, Project Manager; Laurie Plautz-Project Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: B. Dubois-Secretary; Dana Simpson-Fiscal Director

Others Present: Matt Harrison-CalFire; Ron Ford-Citizen; Susan Heine-Citizen

Public Comment: None.

Partner Comment: None.

Consent Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of 9/8/22 Minutes. Board Action **K. Lambert made motion to approve, second by J. Marsili. On a 4-1-1 vote, minutes were approved.** (Hafley abstained.)
- 2. Approval of Sept/Oct 2022 Finance Reports **K. Lambert made motion to approve, second by J. Marsili. On a 4-1-1 vote, financials were approved.** (Hafley abstained.)

Old Business:

1. Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows – G. Long reported that we are still waiting on payment from CalFire but he is in communication with them. Two Contractors are ready to return to work. Forest Meadows to Wylderidge – L. Plautz reported work is scheduled to start in December.

Pine Ridge – K. Dillashaw reported the RFP for a Forester has been sent out.

Fricot City-Highway 108 – G. Long reported he walked the project. CEQA is ready. A couple of acres have been removed due to lack of access.

Pine Mountain Lake – Most of the ROEs have been returned. RFP will go out soon.

Moke Hill – G. Long reported he received the contract and will move on to the next steps.

Bummerville/Blizzard Mine – G. Long reported working on Project Manager job description (see NB 4).

- 2. Ad Hoc Committee Contracts and Policies S. Beckman reported they received contract template from County Council. The Committee worked on the Project Manger position description. Next they will look at the Manager Checklist.
- 3. Ad Hoc Committee Bylaws M. Dvorak reported his committee is working on simplifying the bylaws. He requests another board member to assist. J. Marsili volunteered. They hope t bring the draft to the December meeting.
- 4. Recruitment of three board members S. Beckman reviewed the need and the process of obtaining new members.

- 5. Ad Hoc Committee Sale of Building –J. Marsili reported the first step is to post a Request for Quote to find a realtor to engage.
- 6. Grant Proposals Update G. Long reported that Amador RCD is lead on the \$1.4M Sierra Growth Council project and we'll be a partner on it. The proposal for the CA Wildlife grant will be going before the CARCD board this month.
- 7. Website Update M. Cole previewed the new site and reported it should be going live next week. She also noted that all board members will be receiving new email addresses that will be posted on the site so they will need to set those up.

New Business:

- 1. Resolution 2022_06 Workers Comp for Volunteers **K. Hafley made a motion to table so it can be updated with the costs. K. Lambert second. On a 5-0-1 vote, motion passed.**
- 2. CARCD Conference G. Long noted there is still a ticket available to attend the next conference in Folsom, CA. K. Lambert indicated he is interested.
- 3. Project Manager Job Description After reviewing the document **J. Marsili made a motion to** approve the description with the amendment to add a pay range of \$25 \$45/hr. K. Lambert second. On a 5-0-1 vote, motion passed
- 4. Project Manager of Bummerville Job Description –G. Long reviewed the document. **S. Beckman made a motion to table to determine the actual pay range. K. Hafley second. On a 5-0-1 vote, motion passed.** S. Beckman will work with the committee to finalize the description.

Reports:

- 1. Board Member announcements As this is Sid Beckman's last meeting of his term, each board member thanked him for his contribution to the board. His involvement is greatly appreciated.
- 2. Staff announcements Cupcakes were enjoyed by those in attendance in celebration of Sid Beckman.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for T	hursday, December 8.	, 2022 at 6:00 pm.
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Attest: President, Sid Beckman		Date
Secretary, Brady Dubois		Date

Calaveras County Resource Conservation District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through November 2022

	Jul - Nov 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense Income					
Indirect Public Support Affiliated Org. Contributions	750.00	0.00	750.00	100.0%	
Total Indirect Public Support	750.00	0.00	750.00		100.
Investments	29.61	0.00	29.61	100.0%	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD Total Investments	29.61	0.00	29.61	100.070	100
Program Income	20.01	0.00	25.01		100
Indirect Costs	43,817.66				
Partnership Contracts Program Revenue	5,369.20 434,727.50	16,180.00 2,839,815.00	-10,810.80 -2,405,087.50	33.2% 15.3%	
Total Program Income	483,914.36	2,855,995.00	-2,372,080.64		1
Rental Income	6,979.34	16,500.00	-9,520.66		4
Total Income	491,673.31	2,872,495.00	-2,380,821.69		1
Gross Profit	491,673.31	2,872,495.00	-2,380,821.69		1
Expense					
Contract Services Outside Contract Services	428,642.50	2,435,150.00	-2,006,507.50	17.6%	
Total Contract Services	428,642.50	2,435,150.00	-2,006,507.50		1
Facilities and Equipment					
Facility Maintenance Property Insurance	2,075.47 848.70	15,000.00 0.00	-12,924.53 848.70	13.8% 100.0%	
Property Taxes	150.00	150.00	0.00	100.0%	
Utilities	2,591.55	6,000.00	-3,408.45	43.2%	
Total Facilities and Equipment	5,665.72	21,150.00	-15,484.28		2
Insurance Expense Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,569.99	3,500.00	-930.01	73.4%	
Worker's Compensation Insurance	1,410.94	4,000.00	-2,589.06	35.3%	
Total Insurance Expense	3,980.93	7,500.00	-3,519.07		5
Operations					
Computer Software Grant Supplies	1,092.63 0.00	4,000.00 6,644.00	-2,907.37 -6,644.00	27.3% 0.0%	
Office Equipment	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%	
Payroll Processing	552.00	1,500.00	-948.00	36.8%	
Postage, Mailing Service	60.00	240.00	-180.00	25.0%	
Supplies Website	137.49	500.00	-362.51	27.5%	
	300.00	500.00	-200.00	60.0%	
Total Operations Other Types of Expenses	2,142.12	23,384.00	-21,241.88		
Memberships and Dues	1,162.50	2,500.00	-1,337.50	46.5%	
Other Costs	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%	
Total Other Types of Expenses	1,162.50	3,500.00	-2,337.50		3
Payroll Expenses Professional Fees	29,437.14	239,873.00	-210,435.86		1
Auditor Legal Fees	0.00 0.00	10,000.00 15,000.00	-10,000.00 -15,000.00	0.0% 0.0%	
Total Professional Fees	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00		
Travel and Meetings					
Conference, Convention, Meeting Travel	798.00 262.51	2,500.00 2,748.00	-1,702.00 -2,485.49	31.9% 9.6%	
Total Travel and Meetings	1,060.51	5,248.00	-4,187.49		2
Total Expense	472,091.42	2,760,805.00	-2,288,713.58		1
et Ordinary Income	19,581.89	111,690.00	-92,108.11		1
ther Income/Expense Other Expense Additions to Reserves	0.00	45,000.00	-45,000.00		
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Calaveras County Resource Conservation District Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2022

ASSETS Current Assets Checking/Savings Checking Savings 2420 - Forest Meadows Savings 2421 - Wylderidge Savings 2422 - SNC Pine Ridge Savings 2423 - Hwy 108-Fricot Total Checking/Savings Accounts Receivable Accounts Receivable Total Accounts Receivable Other Current Assets Undeposited Funds	449,747.09 4,671.28 101,706.57 113,720.95 100.00 669,945.89 716,358.66 716,358.66
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Other Current Assets	716,358.66
Undeposited Funds	
	1,821.65
Total Other Current Assets	1,821.65
Total Current Assets	1,388,126.20
Fixed Assets	
Building Improvements	7,675.00
Buildings - Operating	219,210.49
Land - Operating	93,947.35
Total Fixed Assets	320,832.84
Other Assets	
Accum Depreciation	-28,010.23
Accumulated Depr - Bldg Improve	-1,183.23
Total Other Assets	-29,193.46
TOTAL ASSETS	1,679,765.58
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	328,642.50
Total Accounts Payable	328,642.50
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,271.99
Unearned or Deferred Revenue	1,000,090.61
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,001,362.60
Total Current Liabilities	1,330,005.10
Total Liabilities	1,330,005.10
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Equity Not Investment in Capital Asset	307,020.92
Net Investment in Capital Asset	
Retained Earnings Net Income	23,157.67 19,581.89
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Total Equity	349,760.48
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,679,765.58

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Calaveras County Resource Conservation District Deposit Detail November 2022

Туре	Type Num		Num Date Name		Name	Account	Amount	
Deposit		11/04/2022		Checking	831.56			
Payment Payment	568232 17824	10/24/2022 11/04/2022	Tuolumne County R Common Ground	Undeposited Funds Undeposited Funds	-281.56 -550.00			
TOTAL					-831.56			
Deposit		11/14/2022		Checking	438,256.02			
Payment Payment	62941 11413	11/14/2022 11/14/2022	Sierra Nevada Cons Amador RCD - Cust	Undeposited Funds Undeposited Funds	-435,222.00 -3,034.02			
TOTAL					-438,256.02			

Calaveras County Resource Conservation District Check Detail

November 2022

Туре	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount
Liability Check		11/09/2022	QuickBooks Payrol		Checking	
			QuickBooks Payroll		Direct Deposit Liabili	-1,374.55
TOTAL						-1,374.55
Liability Check		11/23/2022	QuickBooks Payrol		Checking	
			QuickBooks Payroll		Direct Deposit Liabili	-2,661.63
TOTAL						-2,661.63
Check	Debit	11/03/2022	CARCD		Checking	
					Conference, Conven	-423.00
TOTAL						-423.00
Check	Debit	11/07/2022	Microsoft		Checking	
					Computer Software	-73.00
TOTAL					·	-73.00
Check	Debit	11/10/2022	ParcelQuest		Checking	
			Cal Fire:Hwy 108 Fri		Computer Software	-149.95
TOTAL			•		- 1	-149.95
Check	Debit	11/14/2022	CA RCD		Checking	
					Conference, Conven	-375.00
TOTAL						-375.00
Check	Debit	11/16/2022	Streamline		Checking	
					Website	-10.00
TOTAL						-10.00
Liability Check	E-pay	11/07/2022	EDD		Checking	
					Payroll Liabilities	-70.56
TOTAL						-70.56
Liability Check	E-pay	11/07/2022	United States Trea		Checking	
					Payroll Liabilities	-243.00
					Payroll Liabilities Payroll Liabilities	-161.98 -161.98
					Payroll Liabilities Payroll Liabilities	-161.98 -37.87
					Payroll Liabilities	-37.87
TOTAL						-642.70

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Calaveras County Resource Conservation District Check Detail

November 2022

Туре	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	527	11/04/2022	Calaveras Public U		Checking	
Bill		11/04/2022			Utilities	-77.36
TOTAL						-77.36
Bill Pmt -Check	528	11/04/2022	PG&E- V		Checking	
Bill		11/04/2022			Utilities	-34.55
TOTAL						-34.55
Bill Pmt -Check	529	11/04/2022	San Andreas Sanit		Checking	
Bill		11/04/2022			Utilities	-105.51
TOTAL						-105.51
Bill Pmt -Check	530	11/16/2022	Angels Heating & A		Checking	
Bill		11/16/2022			Facility Maintenance	-790.80
TOTAL						-790.80
Bill Pmt -Check	531	11/16/2022	CA Special District		Checking	
Bill		11/16/2022			Memberships and D	-215.00
TOTAL						-215.00
Bill Pmt -Check	532	11/16/2022	Calaveras Public P		Checking	
Bill		11/16/2022			Utilities	-225.20
TOTAL						-225.20
Bill Pmt -Check	533	11/16/2022	Dana Simpson		Checking	
Bill		11/16/2022			Computer Software	-119.88
TOTAL						-119.88

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	YTD 2022	All Dates
Income:																		
CPUD	\$1,420.50	\$348.60																\$1,769.10
Common Ground	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	\$4,737.50	\$5,100.00	\$6,625.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$6,050.00	\$26,112.50
UCCE	\$0.00	\$1,261.34	\$3,724.18	\$3,540.50	\$3,581.92	\$283.33	\$410.59	\$392.24	\$334.57	\$267.47	\$229.05	\$700.08	\$788.69	\$927.00	\$894.65	\$893.92	\$6,121.59	\$18,229.52
Motherlode Bonsai Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$375.00	\$0.00						\$75.00					\$75.00	\$690.00
Total Income	\$1,420.50	\$5,209.94	\$8,461.68	\$8,880.50	\$10,581.92	\$833.33	\$960.59	\$942.24	\$884.57	\$817.47	\$779.05	\$1,325.08	\$1,338.69	\$1,477.00	\$1,444.65	\$1,443.92	\$12,246.59	\$46,801.12
Expenses:																		
CPUD	\$177.38	\$672.06	\$709.63	\$988.51	\$927.41	\$73.54	\$73.54	\$73.54	\$73.54	\$73.54	\$73.54	\$73.54	\$77.36	\$77.36	\$77.36	\$77.36	\$824.22	\$4,299.21
San Andreas Sanitary	\$282.59	\$1,009.61	\$1,280.41	\$1,391.33	\$1,192.97	\$97.04	\$97.04	\$97.04	\$97.04	\$97.04	\$97.04	\$97.04	\$105.51	\$105.51	\$105.51	\$105.51	\$1,101.32	\$6,258.23
СРРА	\$44.80	\$1,353.60	\$2,009.80	\$1,618.80	\$1,743.60	\$86.80	\$90.40	\$90.40	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$72.40	\$196.00	\$370.56	\$364.24	\$364.24	\$225.20	\$2,012.24	\$8,782.84
PGE	\$44.87	\$422.44	\$1,400.71	\$1,057.48	\$1,221.74	\$329.17	\$299.36	\$216.98	\$135.52	\$80.63	\$42.85	\$45.83	\$56.57	\$16.67	\$15.63	\$34.55	\$1,273.76	\$5,421.00
Insurance					\$684.26	\$0.00						\$848.70					\$848.70	\$1,532.96
Sewer Repairs	\$0.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.00										\$230.00	\$8,730.00
A/C Repairs	\$0.00	\$142.16	\$0.00	\$2,039.02	\$145.19	\$0.00							\$298.19			\$790.80	\$1,088.99	\$3,415.36
General Maintenance	\$0.00	\$27.57	\$406.89	\$295.47	\$272.68	\$0.00					\$210.00		\$866.75	\$75.00			\$1,151.75	\$2,154.36
Total Expenses	\$549.64	\$12,127.44	\$5,807.44	\$7,390.61	\$6,187.85	\$586.55	\$790.34	\$477.96	\$382.10	\$327.21	\$495.83	\$1,261.11	\$1,774.94	\$638.78	\$562.74	\$1,233.42	\$8,530.98	\$40,593.96
Profit/Loss	\$870.86	(\$6,917.50)	\$2,654.24	\$1,489.89	\$4,394.07	\$246.78	\$170.25	\$464.28	\$502.47	\$490.26	\$283.22	\$63.97	(\$436.25)	\$838.22	\$881.91	\$210.50	\$3,715.61	\$6,207.16

Grant Tracking as of 11/30/2022

						Remaining	Received to		
	Grant Period	Amount Awarded	Direct Costs	Indirect Cost	Current Advance	<u>Advance</u>	<u>Date</u>	Invoiced	Amount Remaining
Murphys Forest Meadows (CalFire)	5/26/2020 - 3/15/2024	\$ 2,161,776.00	\$ 1,965,251.00	\$ 196,525.00	\$ 540,256.75	\$ 351,251.74	\$ 848,310.14	\$ 712,146.05	\$ 601,319.81
Wylderidge (CalFire)	11/23/2021 - 3/15/2025	\$ 440,608.30	\$ 400,553.30	\$ 40,055.00	\$ 110,022.00	\$ 101,302.16	\$ 8,719.84		\$ 431,888.46
Pine Ridge (SNC)	4/15/2022 - 1/1/2027	\$ 405,605.00	\$ 352,700.00	\$ 52,905.00	\$ 121,681.50	\$ 112,314.75	\$ 9,366.75		\$ 396,238.25
Fricot City/108 Direct Award (CalFire)	5/9/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 999,109.10	\$ 908,281.00	\$ 90,828.10					\$ 999,109.10
Moke Hill (CalFire)	10/6/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 1,047,753.71	\$ 952,503.37	\$ 95,250.34					\$ 1,047,753.71
Bummerville/Blizzard Mine (SNC)	9/12/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,450,740.00	\$ 1,318,854.00	\$ 131,885.00	\$ 435,222.00	\$ 435,222.00			\$ 1,450,740.00
Other A/R: Rent, TCRCD, CARCD							•	\$ 4,212.62	
Total	_	\$ 6,505,592.11	\$ 5,898,142.67	\$ 607,448.44	\$ 1,207,182.25	\$ 1,000,090.65	\$ 866,396.73	\$ 716,358.67	\$ 4,927,049.33

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Executive Director Report- Gordon Long

Current Activities:

- 1. Attended CARCD annual conference, including Joint Forestry Committee & Field tour hosted by El Dorado RCD of fuels treatments and Caldor Fire. Director Lambert and I carpooled two days. Director Marsili presented at conference regarding CA Fire Safe Council program.
- 2. Pre-bid Forester Bid tour for Pine Ridge accomplished Nov. 17, 2022. Kaylee lead, one forester attended tour
- 3. Pre-bid Forester Bid tour Bummerville/Blizzard Mine Project Nov. 28, 2022. Pat lead, one forester attended tour
- 4. Right of Entry forms being sent out to Mokelumne Hill Fuels Reduction Project (5GG21172) and Fricot City (5GA21203) this week.
- 5. RFP for environmental compliance contractor for Pine Mountain Lake Fuels Reduction Project released Nov. 29th, via Tuolumne County RCD. Pre-bid tour slated for Dec. 9, 2022
- 6. Hardwoods Advisory Committee meeting Dec. 8th. More revisions proposed for County Oak Ordinance
- 7. Discussion with John Osbourne of Calaveras OES about their fire mitigation coordinator position.
- 8. Expecting to hear about WCB grant at Special WCB board meeting in January, 2023. Good chance of being approved.
- 9. The SGC grant through Amador RCD did not get approved. Will maintain application for future submissions.
- 10. Received CalFire advance for Murphys to Forest Meadows Project (5GG19147). Checks to three contractors sent out the same day we received payment and deposited into bank.

Future Activities

- 1. Potential to work with Calaveras OES with Good Neighbor Authority with USFS.
- 2. RFP's for Mokelumne Hill and Fricot City environmental compliance contractor to be released this winter/spring
- 3. Resubmit NW Calaveras grant to CALFIRE when Fire Prevention grant period opens



CALAVERAS COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO Box 1041 • San Andreas, CA 95249 info@CalaverasRCD.org

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Forest Health and Fire Resiliency Project Manager for the BUMMERVILLE/BLIZZARD MINE FUELS REDUCTION AND FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT offered by

Calaveras County Resource Conservation District

Position Summary

The Project Manager position for the Bummerville/Blizzard Mine Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Project is part-time and temporary. The position is specific to the project described in this notice. The Project Manager will accomplish work on the project, as described in duties below. This position will be terminated when the project is considered complete and/or reaches the contract end date of 10/01/2027.

Duties

- Coordination and administration of a 460-acre mechanical vegetation project that will include commercial logging, mastication, and hand work.
- Engage with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff, landowners, and contractors, to ensure project specifications are met.
- Responsible for invoicing and reporting of work progress to RCD staff.

Minimum Requirements

- Experience working with federal land management partners.
- Experience with policies, regulations, and reporting procedures for Sierra Nevada Conservancy forestry grants.
- Minimum 1-2 years' experience managing mechanical vegetation treatment projects in a forest setting.

Additional Requirements

- Valid California Driver's License.
- Ability to communicate on a telephone, via email, and in person.

- The position requires significant field work in a forest setting. This requires:
 - o Ability to climb, bend, stoop, squat, and reach on a frequent basis.
 - o Ability to hike over rough terrain for long periods in possible inclement weather.
 - o Ability to properly prepare and endure for long hours exposed to the elements.

Pay

\$35-45/hour, depending upon experience.

Hours

This is a part-time position and hours will vary throughout the duration of the project. We estimate that this project will require no more than 10 hours per week.

Benefits

No health care or benefits are provided.

Hiring Process

Please send a cover letter, resume, and 3 references to glong@calaverasrcd.org and include "Job Announcement" in the subject line. Applications will be accepted between December 9, 2022 through December 20, 2022.

CCRCD is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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December 8, 2022

Larry Swan and Helena Murray Wood Utilization and Biomass Specialists USDA Forest Service 1323 Club Drive Vallejo, CA 94592

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BLUE MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO CAL FIRE FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Dear Mr Swan and Ms. Murray:

It is has come to the attention to the Calaveras County Resource Conservation District that Blue Mountain Electric Company is applying for a grant to advance their forest biomass plant, near Wilseyville, California, in the northeastern region of Calaveras County. It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to express our support for the Blue Mountain Electric Company's application to USDA's Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance (WPIA) 2022 Grants Program in support of Blue Mountain's forest biomass plant.

The Blue Mountain Electric Company project is a 3MW forest biomass gasification plant under development in Wilseyville, CA. This project is one of the few shovel-ready forest BioMAT projects to date and is being developed by Phoenix Biomass Energy, one of the most experienced California project teams. This facility will provide critical infrastructure to deal with our region's current forest emergency.

We believe that Blue Mountain's grant application supports a critical project at a critical time. We believe this project will support not only improved forest health but also an improved watershed, improved air quality, environmental justice and local economic empowerment in one of California's most disadvantaged communities.

Please consider our full support the objective of the Blue Mountain Electric Company and its Cal Fire Business Development Grant request. This grant is in line with the "Triple Bottom Line" which refers to the balancing of people, planet, and profit.

Sincerely,

Gordon Long

Executive Director
Calaveras County Resource Conservation District