

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

Regular Board Meeting

March 9, 2023

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by J. Marsili -President @ 6:00 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: M. Dvorak; K. Lambert-V.P.; J. Marsili-President; Y. Tiscornia; Ben Cook-Assoc. Director; G. Long-Executive Director; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director M. Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: B. Dubois; K. Hafley; K. Dillashaw, Project Manager; L. Plautz-Project Manager

Others Present: Noah Crosson, Jesse Fowler, Matt Harrison-CalFire

**Public Comment:** Noah Crosson introduced himself as the Calaveras High School Ag and Forestry teacher.

**Partner Comment:** Jesse Fowler reported they are looking for another Class A driver for the cattle weights and measures. Updates are coming for the Commercial Ag portion of the Williams Act.

G. Long noted that Jennifer Wood of NRCS will be attending next month to introduce herself.

### Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 2/9/22 Minutes. Board Action – **Y. Tiscornia made the motion to approve with amendment noting she had abstained from the vote as she wasn't here for the December meeting, second by K. Lambert. On a 4-0-2 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of February 2023 Finance Reports – **K. Lambert made the motion to approve with amended vote showing Y. Tiscornia had abstained, second by Y. Tiscornia. On a 4-0-2 vote, financials were approved.**

### Old Business:

1. Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows – G. Long reported that Tanner Logging has almost completed their Unit.  
Forest Meadows to Wylderidge – On hold due to weather.  
Pine Mountain Lake – G. Long reported CEQA Contractor has seen a Great Grey Owl.  
Pine Ridge – On hold due to weather.  
Moke Hill – G. Long reported two Contractors attended the CEQA tour. Fire Dept is helping with ROEs.  
Fricot City – G. Long reported CEQA RFPs had one contractor attend the tour.  
Highway 108 – On hold due to weather.  
Bummerville/Blizzard Mine – G. Long reported working on contracts for the mastication. Project Manager has been out with health issues so G. Long is filling in. Going slow due to the weather.
2. Ad Hoc Committee - Bylaws – J. Marsili reported work is progressing.
3. Ad Hoc Committee - Sale of Building – J. Marsili reported she is working on the Request for Quote (RFQ) to be presented to the board next month.

4. Resolution 2023-01 Grant Application – G. Long reviewed the resolution, noting he will be submitting it with one budget without the chipper. **K. Lambert made the motion to approve the resolution, second by M. Dvorak. On a 4-0-2 vote, resolution was approved.**

#### **New Business:**

1. CCRCD as Lead Agent – Noah Crosson described the project as being 20 acres near Calaveras High School with much of it overgrown with invasive weeds and brush. Clearing the land will allow better access for evacuations, a staging area as well as better safety for the school. After clearing the area of hazard fuels, it will become a teaching area for the school. Mr. Crosson is requesting that we agree to be the Sponsoring Agent to improve his chances of being rewarded the grant. **M. Dvorak made a motion to approve CCRCD to be the Sponsoring Agent for this Fuels Reduction Project. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 4/0/2.**
2. Bummerville Project Letter of Protest – G. Long reported receiving a letter of protest regarding two bidders as illegitimate as they are not properly licensed according to our policy. County Council recommended that Long withdraw those two and extend the contract to the next bidders in line.
3. Bummerville/Blizzard Mine Contractor Selection – G. Long reported there are four units total. He has one contractor for one of the units, and one contractor for the other three. **K. Lambert made a motion to approve the contractors. Second by Y. Tiscornia. Motion passed 4/0/2.**
4. Letter of Contract Termination – G. Long reported the contractor working on the Murphys to Forest Meadows Project was working on two units but quit before finishing and stopped responding to communication efforts. G. Long has sent a letter of termination. Gordon will follow up with hiring a new contractor to finish.
5. Admin Assistant Job Description – G. Long and D. Simpson reviewed the job description asking for suggested edits. **M. Dvorak made a motion to approve the job description with suggested changes, and allowing D. Simpson to choose whether the job will be hybrid or all in-person. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 3/1/2/0.**
6. Notice of Exemption filing – **M. Dvorak made a motion to approve the filing of the notice of exemption. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 4/0/2.**

#### **Reports:**

1. Board Member announcements
  - M. Dvorak has implemented a personal rainwater catchment system.
2. Staff announcements – G. Long reported that he and K. Lambert along with a few other people planted some Ponderosa pine seedlings in the Butte and Electra Fire burn scars. The story was written up in the Union Democrat paper.
  - D. Simpson noted the auditor is coming in April to start his annual audit. Will probably be presented to the board in June.

**Adjournment of meeting.** Meeting adjourned @ 7:40 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Julia Marsili *Julia Marsili*  
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Date 4/13/2023

Secretary, Brady Dubois *Brady Dubois*  
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Date 4/13/2023

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