

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

December 14, 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: B. Dean; M. Dvorak; K. Lambert-V.P.; J. Marsili-President; J. Osbourn; B. Cook-Assoc. Director; M. Cole-IED & Admin; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director; P. McGreevy, Project Mgr.; K. Dillashaw, Project Mgr.; D. Liechty, Project Mgr.; L. Plautz-Project Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: S. Hodson; Y. Tiscornia

Others Present: Jesse Fowler; Gary Whitson; Trina Walley

Introductions: Trina Walley was introduced to the Board, staff and guests. Then she introduced herself.

Public Comment: None

Order of Business:

1. Partner Comment: Jesse Fowler (Ag Dept) gave her Ag Report and reported on upcoming meetings.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. **B. Dean made a motion to approve both minutes and financials as submitted. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed on a 5/0/2 vote.**

Old Business:

1. Updates on Current CalFire Grants in addition to attached report:
 - Forest Meadows/Wylderidge: per L. Plautz: She has reviewed the project with D. Liechty as he'll be taking over. The contractor will start where LCLC stopped.
 - Murphys to Forest Meadows Fuels Reduction project: D. Liechty and Gary Whitson reported on their activities.
 - Highway 108 North Fuels Reduction Project: L. Plautz reported on her activities.
 - Fricot City Road Fuels Reduction Project: D. Liechty reported Nates will start tomorrow on FC West. He has been working on surveying the corners of the BLM properties.
 - Mokelumne Hill Fuels Reduction Project: A town hall meeting has been set up by K. Lambert for Monday, January 8 at 6:30 pm at the Moke Hill Town Hall.
 - NW Calaveras Fuels Reduction Project – Still waiting for final agreement from CalFire.

- Calaveras Unified School District Fuels Reduction & Demonstration Forest Project – no new updates.
- Gary Whitson reported there is a budget shortfall in the State so grant money is being reduced. Suggests we keep requests less than \$2million for future applications. He also requires shapefiles of projects, and asks to send gpx files to Gary directly before invoicing.

SNC Grants Update:

2. Update on Current SNC Grants:
 - SNC Pine Ridge Project – Per K. Dillashaw – This project is complete and looks great. It was requested that that our signage be more visible and durable.
 - SNC Bummerville/Blizzard Mine Project: A closed session meeting will be scheduled to discuss the issues that have come up.
3. Ad Hoc Policy Committee – M. Dvorak reported Dana and Mary did a great job of updating these policies. County Counsel made some minor changes. **B. Dean made a motion to approve this set of policies as written. Second by J. Osbourn. Motion passed on 5/0/2 vote.**
4. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee – No update.

New Business:

1. Review of Bummerville Timber Harvest Procedure – Pat McGreevy noted the award says we'll do logging. BLM owns the timber. BLM Forester Roger Brown submitted bid proposals for logging but received none. BLM suggested that they sell or give logs to RCD, then we sell the logs.
D. Simpson noted a discussion with BLM that we could wait until July 1 to figure out final money available to devote to logging.
2. Board support for starting a Calaveras River Watershed Program – B. Dean reported grant funding available in September and would like to hire a watershed coordinator. Suggests we create a partnership agreement with Mother Lode Land Trust. T. Walley offered to start a new program like this. **B. Dean made a motion to offer board support for a watershed program in partnership with Mother Lode Land Trust. Seconded by J. Osbourn on 5/0/2 vote, motion passed.**

Reports:

1. Board Member announcements – J. Marsili noted the State Contractor License board is changing the license name to C49 Tree and Palm.
2. Staff announcements – D. Simpson noted receiving a letter from CalTrans about doing work on HWY 49 in front of our building.

CLOSED SESSION – Opened at 7:45 pm

1. Personnel Matter –A decision was made to suspend Bummerville project work until further investigation and collect a detailed incident report from staff.

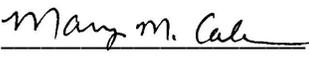
Adjournment of meeting – Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Julia Marsili 

Date 1/11/2024

Secretary, Mary Cole 

Date 1/11/2024