

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

December 9, 2021

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by S. Beckman-President @ 6:30 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman-President; B. Dubois; K. Hafley; K. Lambert; M. Robie; G. Long-Executive Director; Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant

Others Present: Laurie Plautz, John Northwood; Pat McGreevy

Public Comment: None.

Partners: Bobette Parson's NRCS report was made available for review. It also was noted that Ms. Parsons will be relocating o Washington State. Pat McGreevy from CalAm reported that new grant opportunities were coming up. He is requesting that we be fiscal agent for one of the grants being applied for in the Bummerville area. This will be placed on next months agenda for a resolution.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 11/11/21 Minutes. Board Action – **K. Hafley made motion to approve, K. Lambert second. On a 5-0-0 vote, minutes were approved with amendment** of Item NB 4 – area covers 2,000 acres (not sq. ft.)
2. Approval of Sept and Oct 2021 Finance Reports – **K. Hafley made motion to approve, K. Lambert second. On a 5-0-0 vote, financials were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Progress on sale of building and Surplus Land Resolution – Mr. Beckman reported that he and Mr. Robie visited Public Works and Records Office to research the lot split. They were instructed to review the Map Act. Attorney has sent out letter of availability to special districts and low-income housing developers who may be interested in purchasing the building. Interested parties have 60 days to respond.
2. Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows and Wylderidge projects – G. Long reported that three contractors have been selected and all contracts have been signed. They are waiting for drier conditions to start field work.

The Wylderidge contract has been executed with a minor revision to the budget. Of the 51 parcels, only one won't participate. A Town Hall meeting (virtual & in-person) is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6. CalAm and CCRCD will be speakers.

New Business:

1. Request for additional rental space from Common Ground – It was determined that the tenant had been informed of possible building sale so the extra space may be temporary. The space being offered would be on the top floor. G. Long will discuss their needs with tenant.
2. Use of Indirect Cost Funds – Mr. Beckman noted that the indirect cost funds account is starting to build and suggests we use that money to start paying our Executive Director and other staff for project work not covered by a grant. We will need a job description. Beckman will consult with G. Long to develop a proposal to be brought for a vote at the next regular meeting.


3. Computer and Office Equipment – It was noted that our computer and office equipment is donated used equipment and needs to be upgraded. G. Long and D. Simpson will come to next meeting with a proposal to upgrade this equipment.
4. New Grant Ideas –
 - Do clearing work on other highways besides Hwy4
 - Weed abatement in District 2
 - McKays fuels reduction. Partners are Stanislaus NF and CalAm.
 - Moke Hill fuels reduction. Partner is Mokelumne Hill Fire District.
 - Fricot City fuels reduction. Partner is CalFire
 - Ross Drive fuels reduction in Valley Springs . Partner is Calaveras Consolidated Fire District.

Reports:

1. Committee Reports – None.
2. Other Items for Consideration – K. Lambert would like to discuss our standards of work for long-term management of new projects.
3. Board Member announcements – S. Beckman contacted County Council to inquire about the possibility of reducing our board permanently from 7 members to 5. We just need to publish a public notice.
4. Staff announcements – G. Long agreed to store a 30-gal drum of diesel for the Prescribed Burn Assn.
 D. Simpson noted that she also is now working as bookkeeper for the Amador RCD.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm.**

Attest:
 President, Sid Beckman 

Date 1/13/22

Secretary, Brady Dubois 

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