

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

October 12, 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; S. Hodson; K. Lambert-V.P.; J. Marsili-President; J. Osbourn; Y. Tiscornia; M. Cole-IED & Admin; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director; K. Dillashaw, Project Mgr.; D. Liechty, Project Mgr.; L. Plautz-Project Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: M. Dvorak; B. Cook-Assoc. Director; P. McGreevy, Project Mgr.

Others Present: Jesse Fowler

Public Comment: Introduced Dan Liechty as our new Project Manager.

Order of Business:

1. Partner Comment: Jesse Fowler (Ag Dept) reported the Oakwood Ordinance will go before the BOS in November. There will be a talk on Greenhouse Gas on Oct. 26.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 9/14/23 Minutes September 2023 Finance Reports – **B. Dean made the motion to approve the C.A. Items, second by J. Osbourn. On a 6-0-1 vote, C. A. Items were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Update on Current CalFire Grants per M. Cole:
 - Forest Meadows to Wylderidge – per RPF Bray: LCLCs may be able to move back into the FMW project in mid to late October to complete the project (NE project area).
 - Murphys to Forest Meadows – I held a meeting with all the players to coordinate the return to work on Units 1 & 2, making sure all were on the same page. Krisman will start his work this next Monday. Ed Struffenegger will be the Project Manager for this final part of the project with Dan Liechty shadowing him to learn our processes.
 - Highway 108 – Laurie Plautz and Dan Liechty will conduct a site visit with the Contractor & CalFire next week to get this project completed.
 - Fricot City – Forester Ed Struffenegger has the CEQA work completed. Request for Proposals for the fieldwork will go out next week. I will bring the selected contractor forward at our November meeting.
 - Moke Hill – Forester Ed Struffenegger has the CEQA work completed. Request for Proposals for the fieldwork will go out next week. I will bring the selected contractor forward at our November meeting.
 - NW Calaveras Fuels Reduction Project – Still waiting for final agreement from CalFire.

- Calaveras Unified School District Fuels Reduction & Demonstration Forest Project – met with Kevin Hesser to discuss the organization of work.
2. Update on Current SNC Grants:
 - Pine Ridge – Contractor An Honest Approach has made significant progress in the last few weeks and is nearing original treatment area completion. We have proposed adding an amendment for the contractor to increase acres to their scope of work because there is money left in the grant to cover it. This will be addressed under New Business.
 - Bummerville/Blizzard Mine – Per Jan Bray: BLM - Timber Sale advertisement is scheduled for October 13 & 20, 2023. We'd like to begin and finish logging applicable units, then masticate all remaining units (these are in the Contractor Bordges Timber Company units and in CFEs Barney South unit). BLM rescinded the Fire Variance in mid-August so we can't begin operations again until we have BLM clearance, likely the end of the declared fire season.

Important to note for BLM, Contractor CFE has treated a significant portion of the adjacent Peoples property as well, increasing the fuels reduction treatment footprint along Jurs Road.
 3. Ad Hoc Policy Committee – J. Marsili reported we are waiting on County Counsel for their review.
 4. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee – J. Marsili reported no updates, but will try to meet before the next board meeting.
 5. Ad Hoc Executive Director Hiring Committee – J. Marsili reported the job announcement has been posted in several places. The committee will meet to review applications after 30 days of posting.

New Business:

1. Request to amend An Honest Approach contract – K. Dillashaw noted there was money left in the Pine Ridge project and requests to increase the number of acres to be done. B. Dean made a motion to amend An Honest Approach contract amount to not exceed \$322,200 in order to increase the acres completed. Second by J. Osbourn. Motion passed on a 6/0/1 vote.

Reports:

1. Board Member announcements – B. Dean would like us to consider our role in the greenhouse gas issue mentioned earlier by Jesse Fowler. Mr. Dean also suggests we discuss partnering with Bureau of Reclamation.
K. Lambert noted the Pardee BBQ was a good event, and came back with ideas.
2. Staff announcements – M. Cole read from her attached Executive Director report.

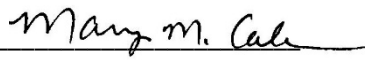
Adjournment of meeting – motion by J. Osbourn/2nd by Y. Tiscornia. Meeting adjourned @ 6:42 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Julia Marsili 

Date 11/9/2023

Secretary, Mary Cole 

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