

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Board Meeting

December 5, 2019

Board of Supervisors Chambers

891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: Meeting opened by R. Dean-President @ 6:00 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman; R. Dean-President; K. Hafley; M. Robie; F. Schabram; N. Valente -Treasurer G. Long-Executive Director; Mary Cole-Admin Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant

Board Members & Staff Absent

Others Present: Pete Padelford; Terry Stone; Supervisor Dennis Mills; Steve Daas, Regine Miller

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: Terry Stone said she has ten projects she would like to work together with CCRC.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Moment of Silence for Tom Sullivan – President Dean requested a minute of silence to remember our founding board member Tom Sullivan for his passing in early November.
2. Approval of 11/07/19 Minutes. Board Action – **S. Beckman made motion to approve, F. Schabram second. On a 6-0-0 vote, minutes were approved.**
3. Approval of Finance Reports – **F. Schabram made motion to approve, N. Valente second. On a 6-0-0 vote, reports were approved.**
4. RCD Partners – G. Long reported for NRCS that they are getting more people signed up and taken care of. Also they hired a new forestry person.

New Business:

5. Resolution 2019-08 Integrate Secretary and Treasurer – No discussion. **N. Valente made motion to approve the Resolution, K. Hafley second. On a 6-0-0 vote, Resolution 2019-08 was approved.**
6. Discuss partnership with Calaveras Healthy Impact Products (CHIPs) – Regine Miller described CHIPs as a small nonprofit in West Point started in 2004. Its focus is on forest preservation in parks and some private lands. It holds power contracts with PG&E for biomass fuel. Administers grants for themselves and others. They asked if we would be interested in working with them as part of the community outreach portion of the Arnold/Avery Fire Hazard project.
7. Board Nominations – Sid Beckman was nominated to be President, Nic Valente was nominated to be Vice President and Bob Dean was nominated to be Secretary/Treasurer. **F. Schabram made motion to approve the slate of officers, K. Hafley second. On a 6-0-0 vote, election was approved.**
8. Presentation of new District Policy on Selection of Contractors– G. Long presented a new policy and asked the board to read and consider for a vote at next month's meeting.
9. Discussion on how to expand grant proposals to include more of Calaveras County – Ideas is to form an ad hoc committee to make a list of projects. The committee should include some outside people. The first meeting will be held in Keith's office. Volunteers include Keith Hafley, Mike Robie, Nic Valente, Francis Schabram, Bob Dean, Gordon Long and Terry Stone.

Supervisor Mills noted he polled the Board of Supervisors and received a 5/0 vote to hire a grant writer that may be available to help us. G. Long spoke with CARCD to see about getting baseline funding to California RCDs.

10. Discussion of establishing work days for the renovations – Mold test is being conducted tomorrow
Work will start in January.

Old Business:

11. Common Ground Lease – G. Long reports lease has been signed. Next year S. Beckman will propose forming a committee to discuss property management opportunities.
12. Progress on Mill Woods – Pete Padelford reported monies are coming in to pay the contractor so they are finishing the work projected to be two weeks out.
13. PGE Fuel Reduction Grant Progress – Pete Padelford reported he has received most of the ROE’s to start. He had the bidding process, selection of contractor and work is to be done by 11/26/19 although they have 40 days in which to get it done. The property owners were notified that this grant does not provide for maintenance of this initial work and that this will be up to the owners to complete.
14. CalFire Grant Applications – G. Long reported that Jill Micheau has submitted two grants that we are waiting to hear back on.
15. DOC Grant through ACT – G. Long reported he attended a meeting with Carbon Cycle Institute (CCI) on regional collecting plans for one big grant that will use all of the RCDs. Its goal is to improve soil health.
16. Office Renovation Update–As noted earlier, G. Long and K. Hafley will be conducting the mold test to determine how much reno needs to be done.
17. Board Reports – K. Hafley noted our website does not include the word ‘County’ in our name. F. Schabram asked how T. Sullivan’s seat will be filled. The County will post an opening for 30 days and then choose one to join our board.
18. Staff Reports – G. Long reported he was asked by the Calaveras High Ag Dept to be on their board. He will be attending a hardwood meeting next week.

Adjournment of regular meeting. Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by N. Valente, 2nd by S. Beckman. Motion carries on a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2019.

Meetings adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Attest:

President, Sid Beckman _____

Date _____

Secretary, Bob Dean _____

Date _____