

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Board Meeting

February 6, 2020

Board of Supervisors Chambers

891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by S. Beckman-President @ 6:05 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman-President; R. Dean-Secty/Treas; K. Hafley; M. Robie; F. Schabram; N. Valente-VP; B. Dubois-Assoc. Dir.; Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant

Others Present: Terry Stone; Bobette Parsons (NRCS); Ben Stopper; Kevin Wright

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by S. Beckman

Public Comment: B. Parsons reviewed her report. Terry Stone spoke of Wildfire Assessment Program Training coming in March 2020. Kevin Wright reported he attended the CCRCD West County Committee meeting regarding weed grants and fuel treatment. He added that road spray funding for fire control is available and people should contact him to report roads needing to be sprayed. Spraying is done 6' – 8' outside of fenced areas. If you want spraying inside the fence, he would need a signed permission. He then reported he will be retiring at the end of February. Director F. Schabram acknowledged and thanked him for his important contribution to the CCRCD.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 12/05/19 Minutes. Board Action – **B. Dean made motion to approve, K. Hafley second. On a 6-0-0 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of Dec. 2019 and Jan 2020 Finance Reports – **B. Dean made motion to approve, K. Hafley second. On a 6-0-0 vote, reports were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Common Ground Lease – K. Hafley feels this lease agreement has been mishandled and would still like to see their annual budget. S. Beckman says he will make sure to obtain this and will add an action item to agenda as soon as he has it.
2. Board Room Mold Assessment – The mold report was reviewed last month. No additional information. Waiting to start work at removing the moldy areas so another assessment can be made.
3. Establish a Permanent Facilities Committee – S. Beckman is requesting the formation of this committee to handle everything “Facilities” of our property - i.e., Leases, maintenance, funding, etc. B. Dean, K. Hafley and M. Robie have agreed to form this Facilities Committee.
4. Mill Woods Review – S. Beckman has recommended to G. Long that he go and do final walk-through with the Contractor, then do a walk-through with CalFire.
5. Update on ACT Grants and Projects – Bobette Parsons reported that G. Long is working with 6-8 people who have dead trees.
6. Grant Updates – We have two applications pending. Expecting to be notified by end of March.
7. Carbon Hub/Carbon Farming partnership – Our contribution is meeting space. Right now the group is looking for landowners to participate. Materials are in the Board Packet.

New Business:

1. West County Committee – M. Robie reported they are applying for a \$40k grant for weed abatement primarily on roadside weeds. However, he will be sending out an email to ranchers asking for signups for spray work on their land as well. The committee also spoke with FireSafe Council to discuss assuring the western portion of the county was included in the update of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Supervisor Stopper added that the County is looking at a fire reduction ordinance in the Rancho Calaveras area, and will examine how this could work for other areas in the county. There was discussion about the need for a vegetation clearance ordinance and a Fire Marshal to enforce it.
2. Add Sid Beckman as signer on bank account – **F. Schabram made a motion to designate Sid Beckman as an authorized signatory on the Calaveras RCD bank account with El Dorado Bank. Second by K. Hafley. Approved 6-0-0 vote.**
3. Change meeting location of CCRCD meetings – Diane Severud of the Calaveras County is requesting we move our meeting to the BOS overflow room. **B. Dean made a motion to start holding our meetings in our CCRCD meeting room on the second floor at 425 E. St Charles St., San Andreas, CA. Second by F. Schabram. Approved 6-0-0 vote.**
4. ACT proposal for Monarch grant – Notice to apply for funding was received. One grant is for implementing a monarch garden and one grant is for education and research of monarch gardens. B. Dean is researching to find the people who may like to participate.

Board Member announcements – K. Hafley requested that a draft agenda be sent out in time so there is an opportunity for changes. Secretary Dean said he would make every effort to have this done in the future.

Staff announcements – none

Adjournment of regular meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:15 pm.


Closed Session - Personnel issues discussed and board agreed to no further discussion or action. Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, March 5, 2020** in the CCRCD Building as noted in Item 3 under New Business.

Attest:

President, Sid Beckman 

Date 3/5/2020

Secretary, Bob Dean 

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