

# Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

February 8, 2024

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; S. Hodson; K. Lambert-V.P.; J. Marsili-President; J. Osbourn; Y. Tiscornia B. Cook-Assoc. Director; M. Cole-Admin; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director; D. Liechty, Project Mgr.; P. McGreevy, Project Mgr.;

**Board Members & Staff Absent:** T. Walley, Executive Director

**Others Present:** Jesse Fowler; Gary Whitson; Cody (Bordges Operator); Mitchell Garcia

**Introductions:** None

**Public Comment:** Jesse Fowler noted the weed control workshop, and the Hardwood Advisory meeting next week. Mitchell Garcia offered his help to work on the logging sale from the Bummerville project.

**CLOSED SESSION at 6:06 pm**

**RE-OPENED the meeting at 7:33 pm**

## CLOSED SESSION REPORT

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing or anticipated litigation (§ 54956.9) – M. Dvorak reported a decision was made to authorize Jan Bray and Pat McGreevy to enter the project site for inspection and measure of completed acres.
2. Public employee appointment, employment, performance evaluation, discipline, dismissal or release (§ 54957(b))-No action to report.

## Order of Business:

### Consent Agenda Items:

1. **J. Osbourn made a motion to approve both minutes and financials as submitted. Second by B. Dean. Motion passed on a 7/0/0 vote.**

### Old Business:

1. Updates on Current CalFire Grants in addition to attached report:
  - Forest Meadows/Wylderidge: Report supplied in packet, D. Simpson added that the CalFire acreage issue has been resolved.
  - Murphys to Forest Meadows Fuels Reduction project: Report supplied in packet, no additional comments.

- Highway 108 North Fuels Reduction Project: Report supplied in packet, no additional comments
- Fricot City Road Fuels Reduction Project: Report supplied in packet, no additional comments.
- Mokelumne Hill Fuels Reduction Project: D. Liechty reported Krisman will start April 1, weather dependent.
- NW Calaveras Fuels Reduction Project – Report supplied in packet, no additional comments.
- Calaveras Unified School District Fuels Reduction & Demonstration Forest Project – D. Simson reported the committee met last night and is awaiting a report.

### **SNC Grants Update:**

2. Update on Current SNC Grants:
  - SNC Pine Ridge Project – no additional comments.
  - SNC Bummerville/Blizzard Mine Project: Reviewed outstanding contractor invoice. B. Dean made a motion to pay the Bordges invoice for approved completed work. For lack of a second, motion dies.

### **New Business:**

1. 2024 Officer Elections – **B. Dean made a motion to nominate & elect J. Marsili for President. Second by J. Osbourn. Motion passed 7/0/0.**  
**K. Lambert made a motion to nominate & elect J. Osbourn for Vice President. Second by J. Marsili. Motion passed 7/0/0.**  
**J. Marsili made a motion to nominate & elect B. Dean for Treasurer. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 7/0/0.**
2. Approve CalFire Forestry Resiliency Block Grant – **J. Marsili made a motion to support participation in this grant at the discretion of the Executive Director. Second by J. Osbourn. Motion passed on 7/0/0 vote.**
3. Set Ad Hoc Selection Committee for NW Calaveras CEQA RFP – Committee to include B. Dean, J. Osbourn, K. Lambert, T. Walley and D. Liechty.
4. Support & participate in the invasive weed seminar on April 27 – B. Dean reviewed the program. **B. Dean made a motion to support the program. Second by M. Dvorak. Motion passed on 7/0/0 vote.** ED T. Walley will be asked to attend and give an opening statement on the RCD. The public seminar to be held May 18<sup>th</sup>.
5. Approve board members access to the website – **J. Marsili made a motion to allow M. Dvorak access to our social media and website accounts. Second by K. Lambert. On a 5/1/1 vote, motion passed.**

6. Approve rental of space in the basement to MUM Inc – D. Simpson requests rental of office space in basement at the rate of \$100/mo. **A motion was made by B. Dean to approve the rental at the discretion of the ED. Second by J. Osbourn. On a 6/0/1 vote motion passed.**

**Reports:**

1. Board Member announcements – J. Marsili noted she will not be present at the March board meeting. K. Lambert & J. Osbourn would like to use only their CCRCD email accounts.
2. Staff announcements – E. D. report is attached. D. Simpson requests that staff be allowed to hold in the basement instead of waiting outside in the cold during closed sessions. M. Cole noted Form 700s are due and provided had copies, as well as a new board and staff directory.

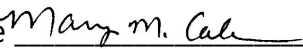
**Adjournment of meeting** – Meeting adjourned @ 8:26 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Julia Marsili 

Date 3/14/2024

Secretary, Mary Cole 

Date 3/14/2024