

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)
Board Meeting
May 11, 2017
Calaveras Board of Supervisors Chambers
891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: Meeting opened by President R. Dean @ 6:09 pm

Board Members Present: R. Dean-President, T. Sullivan-Vice President, M. Robie, F. Schabram
Board Members Absent: G. Long, N. Valente, K Hafley
Others Present: M. Cole-minute taker

Pledge of Allegiance

General Public Comment: There were no public comments

Regular Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes. Board Action – T. Sullivan made motion, F. Schabram second. On a 4-0-3 vote, minutes were approved.
2. Ad hoc committees. a) Water and Soil. R. Dean spoke about a grant form SNC for watershed assessment. We might receive \$1,500.00 for this project. R. Dean suggested purchasing a laptop computer for RCD use. He then suggested we need a good topographical map of the water tributaries of Calaveras River. It was noted there is a lot of private land, and that Jenny Lind area is not accessible, is inhospitable and jungle-like. Cleaning up this area could be a project for the RCD. Information only.
b) No report
c) No report.
3. Resolution of Tier 1 Accreditation from CA Department of Conservation: R. Dean noted that \$15,000.00 grant is coming for this project of accreditation. It is very general in language, and allows to go back if more is needed. R. Dean read the description of Agreement Outline Summary. R. Dean asked that each board member come up with some annual long range plan ideas. He and T. Sullivan will call each to take survey of what they each would like to work on or have a part in. It was noted that 40% of grant needs to be in-kind. So everyone needs to keep records of all time and mileage spent on behalf of RCD. All templates of forms needed will be sent out. The grant ends on 2/28/2019. All monies need to be spent by this time. Question on what constitutes volunteer time – answer: any time spent talking with any group that we may work with. R. Dean noted that Kim Boyd from the Tahoe RCD has been a terrific, helpful mentor in this process. Motion to accept the \$15,000.00 grant from CA Conservation. Motion by F. Schabram, 2nd by t. Sullivan. Motion passes on a 4-0-3 vote.
4. Continuing Discussion of office space through CCWD: CCWD held a closed session meeting to discuss disposition of their building. It currently is being used as storage. This is a building we would like to buy and then lease back some space for continued storage. There are still some

questions that need answers. 1.) Is this county property or not that may affect how we use the building? Discussion on who can benefit from the RCD being in there? R. Dean asked if there was Board consensus on his continuing to pursue the acquisition of the building. Unanimous Yes. Information only.

5. Calaveras RCD Annual and Long Range Plans: The first step is for T. Sullivan and R. Dean to conduct the board survey previously stated in Item 3. Then to have a separate meeting to brainstorm and hammer it out. Information only.

6. RCD Liability Insurance: We are insured as of 4.18.2017 for the standard \$1,000,000.00. It costs \$450 for 1st quarter. Information only.

7. Repeat of Item 4.

8. Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Writing Workshop: Have not been notified for sign-ups. Information only.

9. Tree Mortality Work Plan: G. Long's plan. Tabled.

10. Wee Management Grant: No update.
Watershed Assessment Grant: No update.

11. T. Sullivan trying to get to tree mortality meetings. He would like to make sure B. Dean has authority to take action if needed without having to wait for the next board meeting. **Motion was made that if there is a time constraint (before another board meeting) that B. Dean has the authority to make decisions for the benefit of the RCD.** Motion by T> Sullivan, 2nd by F. Schabram. Motion passes on a 4-0-3 vote.

Adjournment of meeting. Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by T. Sullivan, 2nd by F. Schabram. Motion carries on a 4-0-3 vote. Meeting adjourned @ 7:10 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, June 8, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Attest:

President Robert Dean _____

Secretary Gordon Long _____