

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)  
Board Meeting  
January 12, 2016  
Calaveras Board of Supervisors Chambers  
891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: Meeting opened by President R. Dean @ 6:08 pm

Board Members Present: R. Dean- President, T. Sullivan (arrived @ 6:35 pm)- Vice President, G. Long- Secretary, N. Valente, M. Robie,  
Board Members Absent: F. Schabram, K. Hafley  
Others Present: Jason Linderman- NRCS

Pledge of Allegiance

General Public Comment:

Regular Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes. Board Action- N. Valente made motion, M. Robie second. On a 4-0-3 vote, minutes were approved.
2. Ad hoc Committees. No activity reported. No action
3. Use of seed money from Regional RCD Board. R. Dean discussed Tier 1 requirements of the CARCD. We have been given a commitment by the Regional Board to receive \$500 to assist with infrastructure needs of Calaveras RCD. Action tabled.
4. Discussion of nomination of Board Treasurer. Action tabled
5. Presentation by R. Dean on the annual CARCD conference he attended in Ontario, CA in December. He felt it was a very worthwhile event. He met numerous participants within the CARCD structure, including: Harold Singer, the President of the consortium of the Central Sierra RCD and on the Placer RCD; Jenny DiStephano, of the CA Dept of Conservation, who serves as the liaison with the CARCD; and Karen Buhr, the President of the CARCD.
6. Tier 1 Accreditation. R. Dean dispensed handout on accreditation forms, training. R. Dean to gather information to agendaize future actions concerning this topic. Items to include: annual plan, independent audit, among many subjects. Jenny DeStephano told R. Dean that we could receive up to \$50,000 as a start-up grant for our fledgling RCD. Information only.
7. Work schedule for Tier 1 accreditation. Discussion. Gather the Governance ad hoc committee to address this subject? N. Valente asked what the time frame is for this available start-up grant. Is there a deadline for this grant? G. Long mentioned that the RCD could utilize the Watershed Improvement Plan that was taken on by the Amador RCD to use as a framework for the annual plan. Action tabled.
8. CalFire Healthy Forest Grant process. Motion to agree to be administrative agent for any Healthy Forest grants that are offered to the RCD. Pat MGreevy and

members of the CalAm group to develop these potential grants. Motion offered by N. Valente, seconded by G. Long. Motion carries on a 5-0- vote.

9. The Flushing of the Calaveras River. M. Robie agrees to talk with Army Corps of Engineers about the procedures and actions that may be required to accomplish such a flush. Due to the high rainfalls we've experienced this winter, this flushing idea is likely a moot point. Information only.

10. Continuing Discussion on obtaining office space from CCWD. Continuing discussions with D. Eggerton and staff about the possibilities. Motion by T. Sullivan to continue discussions. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Robie, Motion passes on a 5-0-2 vote.

11. Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Grant Writing Workshop. M. Pickard of the SNC sent an email to R. Dean and G. Long about this opportunity. Handout given to the board. This workshop would likely be a two-day workshop that 15 attendees would be desired.. R. Dean to discuss this with Amador and Tuolumne RCD's to see if they want to collaborate together on one workshop. Does the RCD want to continue with this opportunity. G. Long makes a motion to continue the process to host a grant writing workshop supported by the SNC. N. Valente 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion passes on a 5-0-2 vote.

12. Board Member Announcements

Thomas Sullivan wants to have any grants we can get involved in to move forward.

Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, March 9, 2017

Meeting adjourned @ 7:38 pm.

Attest:

President Robert Dean \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Gordon Long \_\_\_\_\_