

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)
Board Meeting
June 8, 2017
Calaveras Court House Verdict Room
891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

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

Board Members Present: R. Dean-President, T. Sullivan-Vice President, G. Long-Secretary, K. Hafley, N. Valente, F. Schabram

Board Members Absent: M. Robie

Others Present: Bobette Parsons NRCS, M. Cole-minute taker

Pledge of Allegiance

General Public Comment: Bobette Parsons reviewed her submitted USDA-NRCS Report of June 2017. She was asked if money would be available for weed control. She answered yes, provided it was for conservation purpose, i.e., grazing land. Discussion of creating a team to discuss further was to be brought up later. Suggested Scott Oneto asked to be take the lead. When asked about the status of long-term funding, B. Parsons responded there are no updates on this but is anticipating major budget cuts.

Regular Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes. Board Action – T. Sullivan made motion, K. Hafley second. On a 6-0-1 vote, minutes were approved.
2. Ad hoc committees. a) Water and Soil. R. Dean reported he is looking into getting a grant for watershed assessment. He is looking for a watershed and tributaries map. It was suggested he check with Army Corp of Engineers. Information only.
b) No report.
c) B. Dean and T. Sullivan met and came up with some items to be added to future agendas.
3. Continuing Discussion of office space through CCWD: CCWD Board gave direction to draw two contracts. One for exchange of property, and one for lease-back of storage space. Announcement from CCWD to come at next meeting. Concerns were addressed as to our right to sell the property if issues with it become insurmountable. And to ask about RCD Board members' liability with regard to the building. In the meantime, B. Dean will request holding future meetings in this Jury Verdict Room. Information only.
4. Calaveras RCD Annual & Long Range Plans – Suggestions for format was requested. Ideas for a special meeting - Hire a facilitator? T. Sullivan suggested he has one he can ask. Incorporate our short-term goals, and include topics of water needs, fire/weed needs, rancher needs. Line up projects to tackle these needs. Invite a representative of all appropriate agencies to the workshop. (I. e., UC Extension, NRCS, Ag Dept, Cal Fire, Sierra Nevada Conservation, BLM, Forest Service.) Plan for a July meeting. After discussion, July 10, 2017

was chosen. Hours to be 1-5 pm. G. Long will check with Ag Dept to use Colombo Bldg. Information only.

5. Tier 1 Accreditation Progression: No further news to report. Information only.
6. Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant writing workshop: This has been postponed until maybe July. Information only.
7. Consideration of Tree Mortality Work Plan: Pat McGreevy will assist when we are ready. Need a list of possible grants to apply for. Information only.
8. Weed Management Grant: In search of possible grant. Information only.
9. Watershed Assessment Grant: There is a grant coming through Sierra Nevada Conservancy from Cal Fire. The baseline is ready. Information only.
10. Discussion to have Mary Cole take minutes, etc.: After some discussion, there was agreement to have M. Cole do clerical work for RCD with the understanding that she work through G. Long. Information only.
11. Board Member Reports: B. Dean reports he is setting up meetings for weed abatement. F. Schabram is concerned that ranchers are being put on the back burner. All other agencies are covering tree mortality, so suggests we shouldn't need to do so also. N. Valente reported some solid brush on BLM property and that maybe we should facilitate getting goats in to clear the drainage area. B. Dean suggests talking with Amador RCD about their grant for studying goat usage. T. Sullivan reported that Cal Fire in Arnold has public meeting space we could use. Information only.

Adjournment of meeting. Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by T. Sullivan, 2nd by K. Hafley. Motion carries on a 5-0-2 vote. (G. Long left meeting at 7:05 pm)
Meeting adjourned @ 7:15 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, July 13, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Attest:

President Robert Dean _____

Secretary Gordon Long _____