

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (MCRCD)
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Location: Mariposa County Resource Conservation District Office, 5039 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA 95338

Directors present: David Mecchi, Lyle Turpin, John Schroeder and John Carrier

Directors absent: None

Associate directors present: None.

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Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole, Danielle Wardle, Katy Casner

Guests: Robyn Smith – NRCS, Austin Welke- NRCS, Katie Guntly – Point Blue

Call to order: 2:05 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) John Schroeder to approve the June regular meeting minutes; (S) John Carrier. No discussion followed. Ayes: John, Lyle and David. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: 1) Received by mail: From Mariposa Planning Department requesting comments on a General Plan Zoning Amendment to rezone some acres. Site address is in Groveland, CA. No Comments. 2) Received by mail: From PG&E. Important Message: Shutting off power during High Wildfire Threats. 3) Received by email: From Rene La Roche. Board of Supervisor Resolution officially appointing David Mecchi and John Carrier as Directors. 4) Received by mail: From Smith & Newell. New proposal for annual audits for new fiscal year and the next one. It's on the Agenda as an Action Item to approve 5) Received by mail: From Smith & Newell. Final copies of the Annual Audited Financial Reports and Instructions. I sent the copies already. 6) Received by mail: From Official State Social Security Administrator about CalPERS. The Board suggested to take it to the Auditor's Office and ask about it. We don't have CalPERS. 7) Received by email: From California Special Districts Association. Register Early for the 2018 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. David said that's not the conference they go to every year. 8) Received by email: From Mariposa County's Office. Grant Agreement. It's on the Agenda as Action Item also.

Information Items and/or Special Guests:

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Written report submitted by Melinda.

NRCS: Written report submitted by Robyn.

Point Blue: Written report submitted by Katie.

MCRCD: Written report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

John Carrier: He took his Oath as MCRCD Director and attended the Biomass Hearing.

Lyle: He had a question for Robyn Smith about if a project could qualify or not and they talked about some options. He talked about the last short fires that have been happening and he asked if we still have "Welcome to the Foothills" booklets to share with new residents.

John Schroeder: He worked more on the YouTube channel and asked Danielle Wardle for help. He mentioned the Biomass hearing and he brought up that he would like to see a presentation from the beginning of the project, showing all the changes it has done. He talked also about the

CWPP subject and then Lyle suggested make an appointment with the County and talk about it. He wondered who should do that and Melinda will take care of it.

David: He's been so busy fighting fires. He doesn't have anything to report.

Future Agenda Items: CWPP status

Subcommittee Reports:

Plant Sale AD HOC: Vicky will put some material together and bring it to the next Board Meeting.

Personnel: David and Lyle did Danielle Wardle's performance review after the Board Meeting.

Finance: We submitted the Financial Statements to the State Controller's Office and to Mariposa County Auditor-Controller's Office. We will start to work on the new budgets for this Fiscal Year.

Grants: Melinda talked about a new NRCS grant and said that she needs to find out more details. She said that the CalRecycle grant is ready to open.

Policy: David and Lyle will work on a couple things. They mentioned that they don't have to do it face to face, so David will send a fax to Lyle and then discuss it on the phone.

Financial Reports:

Melinda explained that the red numbers on the Treasure's report are pending reimbursements; also she said we need to be really careful how we spend the money on the accounts with no grant funding. We are waiting for a big check from Lake Don Pedro Community Services District. She's worried about the 803 account, our expenses get paid from it and they are pretty high. She said this year the money from the County is less than last year. We had a discussion about what we should do to cut expenses like the money we spend on cleaning supplies, drinking water and electricity, with a new higher-energy use refrigerator. Vicky will get a few estimates for cleaning the office.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items:

Smith & Newell proposal to audit Financial Statements of MCRCD for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2019. (M)John Schroeder (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David, John Carrier, John Schroeder.

Mariposa County Grant Agreement. (M) John Schroeder (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, John Schroeder.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:52 PM (M) John Schroeder, (S) David. Ayes: David; Lyle, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: September 5th, 2018.

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MCRCD Mission Statement

The mission of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District is to encourage and facilitate cooperative solutions to local resources conservation issues and projects. By providing leadership, the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District works with all stakeholders to find solutions that conserve the basic natural resources of Mariposa County. To further this aim, the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District provides technical assistance to landowners, carries out informational activities, seeks and implements grants and other funding sources, and develops cooperative alliances with other agencies and community organizations.