

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

**Date:** Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, Katy Casner, Dan Kirn.

**Guests:** NRCS: Robyn Smith, Austin Welke, Peter McBride, Curtis Tarver. Katie Guntly – Point Blue.

**Call to order:** 2:00 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

**Public communication:** None.

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

**Correspondence:** 1) Received by mail: From Mariposa Planning Department requesting comments on one project. No Comments. 2) Received by mail, two awards from Special District Risk Management Authority, one for President's Special Acknowledgement Award-Property / Liability Program for no claims and the second one for Worker's Compensation Program, no claims for 5 consecutive years.

**Information Items and/or Special Guests:** Curtis Tarver – NRCS Assistant State Conservationist talked about some updates. He said probably next January there will be new agreements for RCD, also he talked about CARCD-Central Sierra Regional meeting in Tahoe this September 27; he said it could be very beneficial for RCD's. He said he's interested in looking at some special projects at the county level and will be talking about it more in future meetings; he mentioned NRCS got a few foresters and one of his big challenges is to hire a new forester for Sonora. He said this office is amazing, we compete with big offices with more personnel, he congratulated this office for the great job that we have done.

**Staff reports:**

**IRWMP:** Verbal 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 attended the CARCD Boot Camp in Oakhurst, CA. He said it was interesting to listen some of the stories, challenges. He was amazed hearing that the Mendocino County RCD has 10 grant writers and he wanted to learn how they work. It was good and he enjoyed it.

**Lyle:** He talked about the countryside; he saw that the wild oaks didn't burn this year and shared a story about train engine that happened a month ago. Also he brought up "transparency in government" a subject that he heard on the news.

**John Schroeder:** He shared an update about the CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) now CCWPP (County-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan). He mentioned that next week the committee has a meeting to discuss a few points; one of them is who is going to do the

maintenance for this program. Melinda is working on a proposal and John provided a handout and he said that is part of the proposal. He asked the Directors to email comments. Lyle suggested making sure that the CCWPP is not tied with the Brown Act., and Melinda suggested to hire a consultant to do the update.

David: He talked about the Adobe program we just got with the DOC grant; he said that helps with signing papers. He's been gone for the last month working on rehab on the Ferguson fire and after 36 hours off the Oak fire started. He mentioned how the fire season is changing every year.

**Future Agenda Items:** If we apply for the Fire Prevention grant, we will need resolutions.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

Personnel: Welcome to Dan Kirn, this is his first Board meeting in this cycle. We have to update the Personnel Policy before the end of November and before we get the comments from Smith & Newell.

Plant Sale AD HOC: Vicky asked David to pick up the plants, he accepted.

Finance: Melinda said we had a short meeting just to talk about the accounts and she will discuss on the financials reports.

Grants: Melinda talked about 4 grants that she's working on. The first one is the Fire prevention grant. Second, Hazard removal road side, she said we didn't get that one and she asked for a feedback to figure out where she made a mistake. The third one is about Water Storage grant and the last one is a tub grinder for wood chips.

Policy: David commented that they will get together shortly.

### **Financial Reports:**

Melinda explained that this month we have 2 financials reports. Most of the comments are related to the 803 account. She explained that the 803 account only gets income from the County Grant Agreement that is quarterly, and NRCS agreements and that expenses are high. She's trying to figure out from which account to transfer funds, and we should do it pretty quick, also she mentioned that everything that we are going to spend using those funds has to be discuss and approved by the Board.

Also she pointed out the PG & E bill, the last three months reflects a high increase so David commented that someone has donated a more energy efficient refrigerator and he will talk with them and try to make arrangements to have it delivered. Another subject was the drinking water, now the bill is pretty high also, so probably it will be canceled. John Schroeder suggested to send a water sample to test the quality of the water here.

### **Action Items:**

Approval for Donate 4 plants to "Friends of the Fairgrounds Sausage + Suds Event Silent Auction" on October 27, 2018: (M) John Schroeder to approve donation. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David, John Carrier.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:16 PM (M) John Schroeder, (S) Lyle. Ayes: David; Lyle, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 11/07/2018

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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.