

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

**Date:** Wednesday, September 5th, 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

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

**Call to order:** 2:12 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

**Public communication:** None.

**Minutes:** (M) John Schroeder to approve the July 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 two projects. No Comments. 2) Received by email: From CARCD. Register Early for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual CARCD Conference. Copies attached... 3) Received by mail, from SDRMA (Special District Risk Management Authority) about posting new regulations (Discrimination & Harassment, Transgender Rights in the Workplace, Unemployment Insurance. 4) Received by mail & email, from SDRMA. A reminder Workers' Comp Payroll Reconciliation Deadline August 15, 2018.

**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 participated in the interviews to hire the new FBA and also he will attend the Boot Camp in Oakhurst, CA next weekend.

**Lyle:** He asked about the CWPP status, Melinda said that she couldn't get ahold of FireSafe Council, still pending. Also he talked about the last AG Commissioner Board Meeting. He attended it last month and the next meeting will be October 18. It turned into a long discussion about possible strategies to follow up.

**John Schroeder:** No report.

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

**Future Agenda Items:** None.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Personnel: We decided to hire Dan Kirn as the new Farm Bill Assistant, at \$15. /hr. and his start date will be Monday September 10, 2018. David will call him and Vicky will get his paperwork ready to sign.

Plant Sale AD HOC: Vicky attached copies of the last invoices from the last plant sale. She will get estimates and David and Melinda suggested to try to buy the plants from Intermountain Nursery. Also John Schroeder said he has a lot of seedlings that he can donate to sell them and Melinda suggested that digging them up and potting them is a good project for the next AmeriCorps team.

Finance: Melinda talked about her conversation on the phone with Norman from Smith & Newell; they were here at Mariposa last week at the Auditors' County office working on the 2018 fiscal audit.

Grants: Melinda talked about the new 3 grants that the RCD got; one is a Cal recycle grant and two from CAL FIRE.

Policy: None.

**Financial Reports:** Melinda explained the closing balances from last fiscal year, also talked about the new budgets for this fiscal year. We have to correct the budgets from the new CAL FIRE grants because they include the In-kind amount, also we have to update the budget for Workshops & Conferences in 803, David and John Carrier will attend the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual CARCD Conference at San Diego California and will show pretty high percentage and we are just opening this new fiscal year.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Action Items:**

Danielle Wardle salary raise: Salary increase effective date 07/11/18. 5% increase from \$15.75 to \$16.53/hr. (M) John Schroeder (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: Lyle, John, John.

Approval for the New Budgets FY19: (M) John Schroeder to approve them after they are corrected. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David, John Carrier.

Approval for attending the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual CARCD Conference: (M) John Schroeder to approve to send 1 or 2 people. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Schroeder, John Carrier.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM (M) John Schroeder, (S) David. Ayes: David; Lyle, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 10/03/2018

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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.