

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

Date: Wednesday, December 7th, 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.

Guests: None.

Call to order: 2:04 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes:

(M) John Schroeder to approve the November regular meeting minutes with a correction on the Future Agenda items; (S) Lyle Turpin. No discussion followed. Ayes: John Schroeder, Lyle Turpin, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: 1) Received by mail: From Mariposa Planning Department requesting comments on DNC Parks and Resorts (Tenaya Lodge) project, No Comments.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: None.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Written report submitted by Melinda.

NRCS: Written report submitted by Robyn.

Point Blue: None.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

John Carrier: He attended the CARCD annual conference in San Diego, CA. On Thursday night, they did a tribute to Glenn Franklin; they had a power point presentation with some of his pictures. The conference covered a lot of issues and one of the subjects was Tree Mortality. and The RCD is in a good position to get funding for more grants for Tree Mortality in the future. He suggested we should look into implementation projects. He talked also about Calaveras County, they have a program for low income homeowners to get trees removed, the county contributing the money.

Lyle: He attended the meeting at Merced about water rights. He got a lot of information. He talked with an analyst and he explained that if you have a pond less than 10 acre feet you don't have to monitoring it. They sent a few drones to get the coordinates, and explained that if you don't know them you have to ask NRCS to figure out where the coordinates of the pond are. Also he saw news talking about after the President visited Paradise there was a new law but he cannot find it anymore. He ended saying that the North Country is all green.

John Schroeder: He did his monthly CCWPP report. He provided handouts and said that we need certain activities to have some real professional help, he meant a Hazard Assessment expert. John is working also on Speaker notes, he had done 1/3 of them, he said, he's behind

schedule. He's been thinking about the possibility to recruit CARCD personnel for this video grant. He thinks sharing the things we are doing and bring the things they are doing and making it available for everybody will be great. He said he wants to make a presentation on how to make a presentation, he started already and he will write it down. David suggested that the key is doing it dynamically. John Carrier suggested to use kids from high school. John ending saying that we need somebody that engages well.

David: He went to the CARCD Annual Conference and came back with a few suggestions. He suggested to John Schroeder to reach out to El Dorado RCD, he said he can get good material for his video grant. He said the CARCD conference was a nice conference and he made a lot of contacts for future projects. His big take a way was that Mariposa RCD is bigger than we think we are. He said people from another RCD's recognize us. He heard good comments about us and he thinks it is because we are supporting our community with what they need and we work face to face with customers.

Future Agenda Items: Forest Health support letter, Resolution for DOC grant and Updated Directors Policy.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: David announced that he and Lyle will work on the Personnel Policy.

Finance: Melinda talked about a mistake she found on the WUE grant. She wrote to Peter Kampa to explain it, so she said we will get an invoice from Lake Don Pedro to reimburse what we charged by mistake. She asked the Board if she should email about this to Smith & Newell and the Board agreed.

Grants: The WIG Grant is ending. Melinda asked Vicky to transfer the remaining balance to 810 account so we can charge her salary. She said we will apply for another grant because the Biomass project has a few more things to get done and explained that the new grant is going to include two more biomass projects, this way is going to be easier for the Forest Service.

DOC Grant is ending this coming February, she said she would like to consider giving up the signs and using that money for salary. She has to ask for DOC approval but she mentioned we have to decide fast. The Board suggested to get ready with a resolution for the next Board Meeting.

She reserved on January 8, 2019 to ask to the Board of Supervisor for letters of support for the Forest Health grant and the Watershed Coordinator grant and to give them an update. We haven't provided an update since Len left.

Policy: Melinda showed a draft of the update Directors policy; will be on Action Items next Board Meeting.

Financial Reports:

Melinda explained that this report shows less revenue than normal and we have little more out that the usual. This month she billed a lot so in a couple months we're going to get revenue. She mentioned that Vicky updated the budgets on a few accounts.

Action Items:

Katy Casner salary raise: Salary increase effective date 10/11/18. 5% increase from \$ 17.70 to \$ 18.58/hr. (M) John Schroeder. (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Schroeder, Lyle Turpin, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Vicky Cole salary raise: Salary increase effective date 09/05/18. 5% increase from \$ 16.58 to \$ 17.41/hr. (M) John Schroeder. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Schroeder, John Carrier. . Nays: None. Motion approved.

Forest Health Grant Resolution: (M) John Schroeder. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Schroeder, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin. . Nays: None. Motion approved.

Watershed Coordinator Grant Resolution: (M) Lyle Turpin. (S) John Schroder. Ayes: John Schroeder, John Carrier. . Nays: None. Motion approved.

Discussion: Change Winter Office Hours.

Starting Jan 2nd, 2019 Mariposa County Resource Conservation District will be working Winter Hours. NRCS hours will remain unchanged.

Monday to Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM (M) John Schroeder, (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David; John Schroeder, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 01/02/2019

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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.