

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

Date: Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 @ 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: NRCS: Robyn Smith, Austin Welke. Point Blue: None.

Call to order: 2:01 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes:

(M) John Carrier to approve February regular meeting minutes (S) John Schroeder. No discussion followed. Ayes: John Schroeder, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: 1) Received by mail: From CSDA (California Special Districts Association) CSDA Board of Directors call for nominations.2) Received by email, from William Friedman. He applied for the Farm Bill Assistant job.3) Received by mail, from County Counsel's Office. They sent a copy of Steven Dahlem 700 form. 4) Received by mail from SDRMA two letters. One is a notification about 5% rate increase for Workers' Compensation Program for 2019-20. Second one is another notification, 5% increase for liability rates and 11% increase for property rates for 2019-20. 5) Received by email, from Katy Casner, her resignation letter. March 14 is her last working day.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: None.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

NRCS: Verbal report submitted by Robyn.

Point Blue: Written report submitted by Elaina.

MCRCD: Written report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

John Carrier: None.

Lyle: None.

John Schroeder: None.

David: He announced that on April 26 is going to be the regular spring meeting for the RCDs reunion and it's going to be at Sonora, CA. He said if somebody wants to go, please put it on the calendar. He probably will attend the meeting.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: None.

Grants: DOC grant is done. Melinda sent the final report. Vicky has been charging her salary to this grant. The Biomass grant is over, final report is submitted and the last payment will be transfer to 810 account to pay Melinda's salary. Rebate grant is over also. We billed beyond the contract amount. Melinda talked with Pete Kampa and his accountant and they didn't realize it. We over billed around \$12,000, hopefully they will get a re-adjustment and we don't have to pay back. EPIC grant and CAL FIRE grant are in a good shape. EPIC is pretty good paying and CAL FIRE, we don't get any payment yet, but we keep billing them. Melinda remind to the Board that now is the time to ask for money to the County. She will share with John Carrier the last presentation and the letter that Len McKenzie wrote for them. They will work together on make a new presentation. For last, she's waiting to hear about the three large grants applications that she submitted.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: Melinda, John Carrier and Vicky will work on the Audit response for Smith & Newell.

Action Items:

John Carrier appointed as Treasurer: (M) John Schroeder. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Schroeder, John Carrier, David Mecchi, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Discussion: RCPD discussion. Melinda sent ahead a power point presentation from Jenn Shepard. It's a big pot for 10 counties, 10 million dollars broken up in different pots. RCDs will 47,000 and 50,000 to match. Jenn asked for a contract and basically what this program does is to hire Smiley to do what he normally does for us, according to RCPD guidelines. The goal is to complete 18 EQIP contracts over 2019-2023. This program is for support EQIP contracts; to help NRCS with the RCDs help and we are already doing that. The only problem Melinda sees is this will generate more paper work, she explained that our match is covered with the current CAL FIRE grants but she has to make all the reports to back up our match. David will sign the contract and Vicky will reach Smiley to talk about this RCPD contract, hopefully he will cover Mariposa RCD.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM (M) Lyle Turpin, (S) John Carrier. Ayes: Lyle, David Mecchi, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 04/03/2019.

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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.