

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

**Date:** Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

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

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

**Directors absent:** None.

**Associate directors present:** None.

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**Staff present:** Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole, John Grimes.

**Guests:** NRCS: Robyn Smith, Sharon Nance, Peter McBride, Austin Welke and Corbin Michael.  
Point Blue: Elaina Cromer.

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

**Public communication:** None.

**Minutes:** (M) Lyle Turpin to approve May Minutes and accept with the correct heading on the June Discussion of members present due lack of a quorum. (S) John Carrier. No discussion followed. Ayes: John Schroeder, Lyle Turpin, John Carrier, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** 1) Received by email: From Smith & Newell. As of June 2017 will be using a secure file sharing program as an option instead of emailing documents for their customers.

**Information Items and/or Special Guests:** None.

**Staff reports:**

**IRWMP:** Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

**NRCS:** Written report submitted by Robyn and verbal report submitted by Sharon Nance.

**Point Blue:** Written report submitted by Elaina.

**MCRCD:** Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

**Directors Reports:**

**Lyle:** He mentioned that Lake McClure is pretty full. Also he talked about some changes that are proposing Forest Service on NEPA on some procedures and about two articles on the newspaper. He ended saying that water situation looks good even at this time of the year.

**John Schroeder:** He reported about the Video project. There are 13 videos online, on YouTube. Robyn and John are working on a Video for EQIP. He has one more thing to add to the Insurance Video. Also he provided a three page handout with upload videos, second page shows playlists and the third page is a picture of one of the playlist. The second handout is labeled Potential Videos, some of them are done. He will appreciate if we look at the list and make suggestions. He talked about a great experience that he had with the CALFIRE Forester Assistant, they worked together a couple hours.

**John Carrier:** He brought cherries to the office. Also he got more involved this month with some personnel issues with David and because of that he thought it was time to review the emergency action plan. He provided copies of that and explained it. He got contacted for the

CARCD and they asked if he's interested in helping with one of the training classes about the communication with the Board of Supervisor and how to establish a relationship with them. He's not answering to them yet, he's still thinking about it.

David Mecchi: He's been busy, signing papers to keep the work flow. He worked with John Carrier on some personnel issues, that took two days and we changed the locks of the building. He apologized for missed the last Board meeting but was something out of his hands; it was the first time since he became as Director.

**Future Agenda Items:** Defibrillator training and Active Shooter Training.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Personnel: We had hired someone and it didn't work out. She was willing to leave so we didn't take further actions. We will do on time advertise again the position, but give to John all the work for now, because he's so capable and when he gets his computer access, we will hire another FBA.

Finance: John explained the financials; he thought we will struggle more. He said that hopefully next month we will get a check from the County that will help to keep us going. Vicky did some transfers from the Downed Tree and EPIC grants to 803 for admin costs. Overall, we're doing ok but he can see on the future if we can't communicate to CAL FIRE about payments schedule maybe will turn problematic, we need to take action about it.

Grants: Melinda gave us good news; we got the PG&E grant for \$10,000; basically is a contribution and some of the work we have to do is helping them to share information about the power shutoff, they are going to provide us with the material, brochures, web copies, etc. The RCPP grant is going, it's on it way. Also she got the execute contract back from CAL FIRE for the CCI grant, probably I can starting to bill but remember that is a CAL FIRE grant so who knows how long it takes to get paid. We got the Wood Innovations Grant from the Forest Service, the problem on that one is that the developer was not available, so probably she can be able to bill on July, and we will get 25,000 for administration cost. Last Friday she submitted a pre-application to the Wildlife Conservation Board; it's on partnership with Yosemite National Park and Sierra National Forest, we will know on August 9 if we're going to the next round, in this one we will be just the administrator. She will apply for the IRWMP grant. For last she talked about the WCCP grant.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

**Financial Reports:** John Carrier gave the report on Finance subcommittee report.

**Action Items:**

Vicky Cole salary rise: (M) John Schroeder to approve Vicky Cole salary increase, 5% increase from \$17.41 to \$ 18.28, effective date 03/08/2019. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Schroeder, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Approve contract with Whispering Oaks HOA to perform project permitting and grant applications: (M) John Schroeder to approve Melinda to work on Whispering Oaks HOA project. (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Carrier, John Schroeder, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Discussion:**

Emergency Action Plan: See on John Carrier Director report.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM. (M) John Schroeder, (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Schroeder, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 08/07/2019

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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.