

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

Date: Wednesday, August 7th, 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. Point Blue: Elaina Cromer.

Call to order: 2:03 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) John Carrier to approve July Minutes with all the corrections. (S) John Schroeder. No discussion followed. Ayes: John Schroeder, Lyle Turpin, John Carrier, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: 1) Received by email: From Smith & Newell. Preparation for the 2019 Audit of Mariposa County Resource Conservation District. 2) Received by email, from CSDA. 2018 Board of Directors Election Voting. 3) By mail, from SDRMA. 2018-19 Workers' Compensation Annual Payroll Reconciliation. 4) By email from Kathie Payton. SurePayroll fees increased. 5) By mail from United States Office of Personnel Management Federal Investigations Processing Center. John Grimes background check.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: None.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

NRCS: Written report submitted by Robyn.

Point Blue: Written report submitted by Elaina.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

Lyle: He talked about a TV show where the goal was to catch wild pigs. The Farm Bill approved 15,000,000 to this program. They set up fences and with corn they attract the pigs and make them go inside, when the pigs are inside, they're able to shut the gate with an application on the cellphone. Robyn added to this subject that people can use BoarBuster, it's a cheap and quick method to catch wild pigs.

John Schroeder: He talked about CPAW training –Certified Planning Assistance for Wildfire. He said Mariposa has some areas that are WUI but we also have a lot that are "Rural Intermix" and they need different kinds of treatments and planning.

John Carrier: He talked about a field visit that he and Melinda went in Visalia. They visited a Dairy farm. He is impressed with how well structured and efficient it is. They mentioned that the

cows look so happy; the facility does not smell bad and a community park that is part of this project.

David Mecchi: He has been supporting the office by signing papers and he mentioned that his signature stamp makes the process faster.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: John Carrier and Melinda spoke about how critical the finances are. If we don't get payments quickly we will see ourselves in the need to use the Contingency funds to pay bills and some vendors. NRCS new proposal came up and they explained how vital is for the RCD to get a better agreement.

Grants: Melinda talked about how the IRMWP program, can possibly help Coulterville, Lyle will make a few phone calls regarding that. About the WUE grant; she said that Pete Kampa is not working on Lake Don Pedro anymore. She talked with the new person in charge; he asked for help, he doesn't have the experience. She talked also about CAL FIRE grants and how they are behind on payments. About the PG & E grant, she said we're still waiting for the \$10,000 check and mentioned that if we get it soon we can spend the money to pay bills, without restrictions. About the Wood Innovations Grant, she's going to work on the first invoice and she said that it usually takes 10 days to get the payment.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

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

Action Items:

Board 3 Resolutions for Prop 1, Prop 68 and one more for Grants. (M) John Carrier to approve three Resolutions for Melinda to use for Grants. (S) John Schroeder. Ayes: Lyle Turpin, John Carrier, John Schroeder, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Authorization to the personnel to use funds from the Contingency Funds account to pay expenses but not more than 15% of the funds. (M) Lyle Turpin to approve spend money from the Contingency Funds account to pay some expenses but no more than 50% of the funds. (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Schroeder, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Discussion: John Grimes showed us a Defibrillator Video Training and Active Shooter Training will be re schedule.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM. (M) John Schroeder, (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Schroeder, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 09/04/2019

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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.