

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

Date: Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

Location: Mariposa County Resource Conservation District Office, 5174 Hwy 140 2nd. Floor
Mariposa, CA 95338

Directors present: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin.

Directors absent: None.

Associate directors present: None.

Associate directors absent: None.

Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

Guests: Wayne Kelly, Robyn Smith

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

Public communication: David point out to Robyn that NRCS is no longer on the agenda, he said she's welcome to come to our meeting but she doesn't need to bring NRCS reports. Robyn replied that her bosses expect her to and she will continue doing that. Also she wished all the best for the RCD and thanks us for the many years of the partnership.

Minutes: (M) Lyle Turpin to approve October Minutes. (S) David Mecchi. No discussion followed. Ayes: Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: 1) Received by email: From Mariposa County Treasurer – Tax Collector and County Clerk. New deposit form and procedures. 2). by mail from California Special Districts Association. Membership renewal. 3).by mail from National Association of Conservation Districts. Conservation Investment.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: None.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

John Carrier: John is back in the County but he will leave again this Saturday and be gone around two weeks to help his parents. He attended the last IRWMP meeting.

Lyle: He thanked Melinda for the presentation she did for the Board of Supervisors. Lyle said it was a really good presentation, the Supervisors asked good questions and they were very supportive of us.

David Mecchi: David reported for this month that he helped to move everything to the new place. It was 3 full days moving all the stuff. We really appreciated all his help on this transition.

Future Agenda Items: Resolutions for Grants.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: John basically talked about we're working on the balances. The areas in red we're waiting for reimbursements, when we get the money these numbers will be back in black.

Grants: Melinda is working on a couple grants for the IRWMP program. One is the WaterSmart. It's a project for two water tanks in Midpines for the American Indian Counsel. They submitted this project in 2014 but they never have enough money for the match or to do any of the environmental permitting. The due date to submit the application is November 13, she got 7 support letters, the community is very supportive of it. Also, she will be submitting a second one for Bootjack due on the 22nd. Melinda is working on the Forest Health grant for the second round also. So, after December 6, she will be done with the grant applications and can work on Whispering Oaks Reservoir. Also, Melinda talked about \$5,000 Grant from The Campbell Foundation, with no restrictions to spend so she can use it for all the grant applications work plus the \$10,000 from the PG & E grant.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: Vicky has been working on figuring out the mistakes on the balances. We have 4 accounts out from balance. We posted some payments in this fiscal year, but the invoices are dated from last fiscal year that is already closed; that's why the balances don't match up. Kathie Payton from the Auditor's office is so busy getting ready for Smith & Newell but after two weeks she will spend time with Vicky to resolve this problem.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items:

Two Resolutions for Forest Health Grant and WaterSmart Grant. (M) John Carrier to approve the resolutions for Melinda to use in the Grants. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Adopt an MOU with County Fire for Spring Hill School Space. (M) John Carrier to adopt the MOU. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Discussion: Discussion will be rescheduled. No discussion at this meeting.

Closed Session: 3:24 PM to 3:56 PM

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM. (M) John Carrier, (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 12/04/2019

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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.