

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

**Date:** Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 2:00 PM

**Location:** Mariposa County Resource Conservation District Office, 5174 Hwy 140 2<sup>nd</sup>. Floor  
Mariposa, CA 95338

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

**Directors absent:** None.

**Associate directors present:** None.

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

**Guests:** Wayne Kelly.

**Call to order:** 2:05 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

**Public communication:** None.

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

**Correspondence:** 1) Received by email: From Robyn Smith. NRCS and Point Blue reports. 2) Received by email: From Smith & Newell. Draft copy of Annual Financial report. 3) Received by mail: From Mariposa County Planning Department. Request for comments on "Memorial Forest" project.

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

**Staff reports:**

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

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

**Directors Reports:**

**Lyle:** He talked about the weather; he thinks the county needs more moisture, another subject was BLM land. He thinks BLM ground needs more attention. Melinda said that Tuolumne County got an agreement with them. She said she's not familiar with them but she knows that they are working with SWIFT.

**John Carrier:** He said that last Thanksgiving they lost a lot of trees with the last snow storm and finally he got all cleaned up. Also he talked about a satellite program that the NASA is updating from an old one from mid-19's or early 20's. With this program they will be able to map all the water courses or see how fast the snow is melting, also to look deep underground.

**David Mecchi:** He burned some trees too from the last snow storm and keeps signing papers.

**Future Agenda Items:** Appropriation Policy.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Personnel:** None.

**Finance:** Overall we're doing much better than we were. John asked Melinda about Smiley payments, he was little confused. Also the Board had a discussion about Robyn should talk with us about directly about RCPP subjects rather than Smiley. Melinda talked already with Smiley,

she told him to tell her that she needs to communicate with us if there are questions. David said he will talk with her about Smiley. Also, Melinda asked permission to transfer all the remaining funds from NRCS accounts to RCPP account so we can pay Smiley more quickly.

Grants: Melinda submitted two grants for Fire water storage, she still waiting for news. Downed Tree Removal Grant it's done. Video Grant, Melinda did a press release and she did several presentations. Today she did one at the SWIFT meeting, the YouTube channel has been publicized in the newspaper; we're going to send out a letter with the instructions on how to post to a website. John Schroeder already has three more videos done. CCI grant, Melinda did a press release on this one too; the contractors should be started this week. The Wild Conservation Board has us on their February Agenda, the 26<sup>th</sup> at Sacramento. We should start working on March. They don't do advances but they promised her that they will do 30 days reimbursements. EPIC Grant is going fine, The WIG grant probably Melinda will ask for an extension. RCPP is going fine but we have to wait for the reimbursement to pay Smiley, so transferring NRCS remaining balances will help.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: Vicky will request an estimate for Poppy seeds, people are asking for them.

Policy: None.

**Financial Reports:** See at Finance subcommittee.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Action Items:** None.

**Discussion:** None.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM. (M) John Carrier, (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 02/05/2020

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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.