

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

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 @ 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.

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Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

Guests: Sharon Nance – NRCS

Call to order: 3:13 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) Lyle Turpin to approve February 2020 Minutes. (S) John Carrier. 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 mail from Smith & Newell. Audit books and Invoice for services. 3) Received by mail from Planning Department. Request for comments on project. No comments. 4) Received by IRS. Change address confirmed. 5) Received by email from Sierra News Online. Proposal to advertise the YouTube Channel. 6) Received by email from Roundtable of Regions letter. Letter with RCD logo on the top. 7) Received by email from Woodland School. Request of Poppy seeds donation. David will talk with them.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: Nance talked about the MOU agreement that NRCS made for the RCD. She points out that the MOU is not legal document, it's just a document that describe our relationship with them. The document talks about the things that the District Conservation do and can do for organize work groups. Melinda asked to Sharon if she knows if before Mariposa had work groups and she answered that yes but around five years ago. Melinda asked if this MOU is funding and Sharon answered that no. David asked Sharon who is going to pay for our Office manager wages? This is an agreement with no funding money. Sharon said that the MOU is to empower the relationship between us. Sharon said that they can help with the minutes and the space. David commented that right now we're having problems getting Directors, the county has so many meetings, if we're going to our partners and ask them if they can come over for this meeting, they are going to tell us that they don't have time for another meeting. Basically, it's a duplication of what we already do. Melinda said basically is going to be the same people but now for USDA. Sharon asked how RCD get the needs from the community. Melinda said, we do in different ways, one of them is with the IRWMP program, we prioritize plans, we are part of the Fire Adviser Committee, AG Adviser committee, we work with schools. We do projects with private landowners to remove trees. John Carrier said that Melinda attending all these committees' meetings she's able to catch what are the community needs then we discuss on the Board Meetings what are the available options and then she writes a grant. Also John mentioned that we always share NRCS programs so no need to the MOU. Melinda said also that hundred of people go the the NRCS office so right

there NRCS staff should ask them. Sharon asked to confirm that because is not money in this agreement, the District is not interesting on it? David replied, why we're going to do all this work that we're already doing for NRCS? Sharon replied that is not for NRCS, is for CARCD that David and Melinda said that they're not agreed, CARCD doesn't benefit from this, this is for NRCS needs. Melinda commented that we will happy to share with them what we do but not to do the work twice. John Carrier asked, if we sign the MOU what would will change? David also commented that seems like we do all the work and we don't get pay. Also Melinda mentioned that with the two agreements that we just canceled, with that money can pay for some of the work and Sharon replied that they don't have that money anymore, NRCS returned it. Melinda also mentioned how disappointed we were when NRCS talked with Coursegold RCD without talked with us, to which Sharon replied that everything was a misunderstanding. Also Lyle added to the discussion that we have an agreement, a verbal agreement that we work together, Sharon agreed. Also David commented that before our agreements were more simple, not that complicated than this one, he suggested to keep in mind for the future. For last, Sharon thank us for the time The District spent on this discussion and she will pass our comments and suggestions. After she asked for an RCPP update, if we're still working on that agreement. Melinda answered yes and comented that she thought CARCD send reports to them. Also she explained that Smiley does what Robyn give to him. We don't have access to any information. At the end of the month Smiley submit his invoice to us and we submit our invoice to CARCD. We will share with Sharon what we bill to CARCD.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

Lyle: None.

John Carrier: None.

David Mecchi: David said he doesn't have any to report, just signing papers.

Future Agenda Items: Resolution for CALFIRE Forestry Assistant Grant.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: John explained that we couldn't meet so probably for next meeting we will meet. Also he said that Vicky re-do the budgets and everything looks good. We are in a good shape.

Grants: Melinda got the resolution for Coulterville, also she's going to work on a new grant for CALFIRE for fuel reduction on Highway 49.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items: None.

Discussion: Sierra News Online proposal to advertise the YouTube channel. The Board approved the proposal and David signed it. No discussion about the Transfer policy.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM. (M) John Carrier, (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 03/03/2021

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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.