

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: None.

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

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) Lyle Turpin to approve March 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 CSDA. 2021 CSDA Membership renewal. 2) Received by email from Keith Williams, Treasurer – Tax Collector a reminder to file annual Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)

Information Items and/or Special Guests: None.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

Lyle: Lyle mentioned that it's been a year since our last meeting. He also shared some of his experiences with a project that also started a year ago. He mentioned the excellent job that was done on the highway north of the airport on 49. Furthermore the Board discussed to do a presentation to the Board of Supervisors; it's been awhile since the last one. David offered to do the presentation along with the help of Melinda.

John Carrier: John didn't have much to report. He also lost some trees on the last storm. He's trying to get plants to adapt to wild life and a monarch project. He pointed that the RCD the last two years has done a great job. David made a comment about the best thing the RCD has done was to moved, we don't have utilities bills to pay.

David Mecchi: David talked about his knee replacement surgery last December 5th; he spent two months not doing anything but physical therapy. He's getting back his flexibility. He made an erosion control inspection and he talked about the damages on his property from the last storm. For last he mentioned that last fire season was the largest on his life, he spent all summer working.

Future Agenda Items: CAL FIRE Resolutions.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: We had the audit with no issues, now we're waiting for comments and the last statement. Also the invoice from them is coming so we have to transfer funds to 803 account. Balances matched with the Auditor's balances. SDRMA invoice is coming also.

Grants: Melinda talked about CARCD monarch grant, we got that grant last year, and it's for \$52,000. We got some plants from Xerces Society. Heather Bernikoff has been working on this project, she planted already 400 plants. Also she presented at CARCD a conference. Video Grant, John finished the 4-part oak series and being recorded for Jim McKenzie for posting. On the WCB Phase 1, the work on YNP is done; USFS has been delayed by Creek Fire but will be complete on time. We got awarded for Phase II and we need MOU with Yosemite amended to begin work. Also Melinda mentioned that she's helping the County writing grants. The County will pay us for her services \$45,000 per year. Another subject was that Coarsegold RCD asked her to write grants for them but she suggested her to talk with her Board and then the Board can talk with David.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items: None.

Discussion: Transfer money to 803 RCD account from other accounts to be able pay Smith & Newell and SDRMA invoices. Everyone agreed that the best thing to do is transfer some of the interests we owned from the CCI grant plus some of the indirect costs from other grants. Melinda suggested doing it periodically as we used to do it with the NRCS accounts. Another subject was the Native Garden. We have to take care of it for 10 years. Melinda will ask the Master Gardeners if they would like to take care of it. Another option is ask Brian, Fairgrounds CEO if they can do it.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM. (M) Lyle Turpin, (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 04/07/2021

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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.