

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

**Date:** Wednesday, April 7, 2020 @ 2:00 PM

**Location:** Mariposa County Resource Conservation District Office, P.O. Box 2403  
Mariposa, CA 95338

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

**Directors absent:** None.

**Associate directors present:** None.

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

**Guests:** Tom Sweeney – Mariposa County Supervisor

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

**Public communication:** None.

**Minutes:** (M) Lyle Turpin to approve March 2021 Minutes. (S) John Carrier. No discussion followed. Ayes: Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** None.

**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 talked about weather, wild flowers and mentioned that the bush Lupine on the road is doing pretty well. He asked to Tom Sweeney about the new regulation mandate a 5 foot structure ignition zone and Melinda talked about the house Hardening grant that she's working on. She's trying to get a rebate program.

**John Carrier:** He talked about the drought, and mentioned his own statistics from his property. He said he was reached for Harold Singer, Director of the Original Central Sierra RCD and also President of Tahoe RCD. They are looking for somebody for the chairman of the Central Sierra. John first thought that could be good to get some network, Harold is resigning because his going to become Treasure. Then Harold explained to him if John accepts the position a couple projects come with him. So he said that he can't speak for the RCD. He asked to Melinda what our capacity is. Another red flag was that they don't do any financial reports plus that his personal life is full too, so he polite declined it.

**David Mecchi:** David talked about bees and basically signed paperwork.

**Future Agenda Items:** Resolutions for the Grant applications.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Personnel:** David told the Directors that they need to figure out to increase Melinda and Vicky salaries. He said that it's been two years since the last one. He said we need to do our evaluations, so Vicky will pull out the forms. They discussed the need to find help for Melinda;

she's overwhelmed with all the grants Melinda will talk with Pat Garcia, she's great with numbers and has the experience that is required.

Finance: Vicky emailed Smith & Newell about last year audit and they told her that they have ready the draft for comments but the county is not done closing the books. As soon as the County finishes the books, they will email us the audit's draft. About the NRCS accounts, Kathie Payton suggested to zero out the accounts. Vicky will transfer the balances to 803 account. Also the earned interests from last fiscal year from 821 CCI Forest Health account were transferred to the RCD Banking account. We received the list of interest generated from the last quarter and the Board decided to transfer them to 803 again.

Grants: Melinda talked about them on the IRWMP verbal report.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

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

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Action Items:**

Two Resolutions for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery, Mariposa County Phase II project and for Recovery Fuels Reduction Partnership Project. One Resolution for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the Home Hardening Public Education Project. (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.

**Discussion:** Coarsegold is trying to hire Melinda for grant writing. It's on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Another subject to discuss was a phone call that Melinda received from a lady that works for Stand Tack Company, she grow up here. This company was hire for San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to run a community benefits program. Basically this company has money to donate. They are looking for potential opportunities in Mariposa. She sent her resume and recommendations. Melinda would like to get the money for the home hardening project to do rebates.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM. (M) John Carrier, (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 05/05/2021

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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.