

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

Date: Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 @ 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: Vicky Cole.

Guests: None.

Call to order: 2:04 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

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

Correspondence: 1) Received by email from SDRMA. 2021-22 Worker's Compensation Program renewal invoice, due by July 15. \$820.20 2) Received by email, from Smith & Newell requesting the signed management letter. 3) By email, from Yosemite / Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council. Sponsor Organization with Yosemite Sequoia MOU.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: None.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

Lyle: Lyle read an article about drought that says you need to set your priorities in long term. First take care of the ground and then take care of the livestock. Plant annual grass, feed the livestock and the grass will grow up next year and the follow year of the drought. Also he talked about Merced River canyon; he thinks probably it will burn. We already had two fires. David mentioned that the humidity has helped; he said we've had a lot of fire starts but it's been easy to put them out. Lyle asked about the airplane that CAL FIRE is using on the fires and David explained what kind of it is and the history on them and John Carrier explained about the gray water standards.

John Carrier: John mentioned that he just came from San Diego and Kings River is completed dried. He has a friend who usually goes there to celebrate Father's Day and he got a call from him saying that they probably wouldn't go there, so John called him back saying that wasn't water there, and asked him if he thinks that in two weeks the river would have Water? Another subject was about a weed program that the properties should have clean 100 feet around the house and 100 feet on the road, if you don't do it they will charge you \$175. Admin fee and 0.4 cents for square foot. John noticed that all the roads are clear. Another thing about San Diego is that they are taking very serious the Monarchs; they are doing lot things about it like advertising and selling seeds. David mentioned that he saw a Monarch butterfly at his property for first time

in long time and John said that he has a lot of butterflies at his property even and he removed a lot of milkweed plants.

David Mecchi: David has been signing papers and he got one shift on the North Fork fire and said that fires are coming more and more frequent. John Carrier mentioned that this year the wind is weird.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: Mark Garrett interview still pending for Melinda's return. David will reach her to schedule his interview.

Finance: There is nothing important to report, there were no questions regarding finances. David commented on how well we have been doing this year compared to the year before. David thinks we need an office and we will have one when it is time to which John commented that things have been falling in place and we are improving with the new grants. He mentioned that not only will we have an office again but we will also have more staff. We are on the right track and also David mentioned that he wants a second grant writer to help Melinda.

Grants: Melinda's been working on the Bootjack Storage Tank. We got a Geotechnical contractor and for the tank. Metal prices are so high that the County approved to increase his part of the budget.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items:

Permission to use Contingency Funds to pay the Geotechnical Engineering Contractor for the Bootjack Storage Tank project (\$9,895.) (M) John Carrier to approve use Contingency Funds. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Discussion: The Board discussed the "Sponsor Organization with Yosemite Sequoia MOU" but they decided put it on hold to read it more in detail and wait for Melinda's input.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM. (M) Lyle Turpin, (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 10/13/2021

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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.