

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

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

Location: Conference Room at the Ag. Commissioner's Office 5009 Fairground Rd.
Mariposa, CA 95338

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

Directors absent: None.

Associate directors present: None.

Associate directors absent: None.

Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

Guests: None.

Call to order: 2:02 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

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

Correspondence: 1) Received by email from PG&E. To inform that \$5,000 charitable contribution has been sent via electronic funds transfer. 2) Received by mail from Mariposa Planning Department. Request of comments for the following projects: Galen Alldrin, James W. Larrick & Jun Chen and Yong Yuan aka Andy Yaun. No comments. 3) Received by email from CAL FIRE. Award letter for the Forest Health project "Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery – Mariposa County, Phase II" for \$4,421,968.77

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 asked Vicky if she did her road trip to meet David to sign the CALFIRE CCI 2 contract. She didn't, she met David a couple days later when he returned to home. He talked about the severe drought that we are experiencing and said that with the rain that we're going to get in a couple days will help a little bit. He mentioned that Lake McClure is probably at 25% of its level, as it normally is at this time of year. Also he read a couple of articles from the Mariposa Gazette about the drought grant that Self-Help Enterprises is offering to the community. Another subject that Lyle talked was about what to do in the situation like last Board meeting when we didn't have quorum. David explained that the regular meeting could be canceled due to lack of quorum and then open a "Committee meeting" to discuss any subject that has to be discussed. David explained that the Committee meeting is not under the Brown Act as the regular meetings. Committee meetings don't have to be posted. For last Lyle commented that he got removed the cataracts from his eyes.

John Carrier: Nothing really to report. He mentioned that after November he will spend more time here in Mariposa. He said all his unfinished business is falling into place.

David Mecchi: David said he's been fighting fires all-around of places. He was on Dixie fire about 36 days, came home and stays around 5 days and then went to another fire.

Future Agenda Items: Melinda Barrett as Executive Director Position and Wayne Kelly as MCRCD Director.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: Please see action items section for salaries increases.

Finance: Vicky presented the final budgets FY21; she mentioned that those numbers don't include the last quarterly interests. We got correspondence from Smith & Newell, they're started working on the audit FY21, and she brought some letters to David to sign for them. Also she presented the new Budgets for this fiscal year; she let the Board know all the work and help that Pat Garcia put into them.

Grants: Melinda talked Bootjack project, we got the building permit also we got a metal sign for the construction site and it will be permanent. We started to spend the advance that we got for this project. Melinda got a request to do a conference for the IRWM-Roundtable of Regions this November and the Board agreed to it. This October we have our quarterly IRWMP meeting and Melinda doesn't have a speaker, so she doesn't know what she should to do, cancel or keep it, also she mentioned that the County won't charge us the fees to use the BOS room.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items:

Melinda Barrett salary increase from \$33/hr. to \$40/hr. effective with the pay period ending 7/20/2021. (M) John Carrier. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Vicky Cole salary increase from \$18.28/hr. to \$21.50/hr. effective with the pay period ending 7/20/2021. (M) John Carrier. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Appoint David Mecchi as MCRCD Director. (M) Lyle Turpin. (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Appoint Wayne Kelly as MCRCD Associate Director. (M) Lyle Turpin. (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Approve Annual Budgets FY22. (M) John Carrier. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Discussion: Open our own Bank account. The Board commissioned us to do a search of all the pros and cons of opening our own bank account and then talk with Luis Mercado the Auditor to see if he can help us solve our problems. Melinda suggested discussing next Board meeting the date to do a presentation to the BOS and to consider her as Executive Director for the MCRCD.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM. (M) Lyle Turpin, (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 11/03/2021

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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.