

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

Date: Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 @ 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: Wayne Kelly.

Associate directors absent: None.

Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

Guests: None.

Call to order: 2:08 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) Lyle Turpin to approve November 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 Robyn Smith-NRCS. Mariposa Field Office update. Johnnie Siliznoff, the new Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for Area 3. David answered her and soon we will invite him to the Board Meeting. 2) Received by mail from California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. Reporting no activities. We will keep the account for future plant sales.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: None.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

Lyle Turpin: Lyle commented that we had a good storm, pond probably are at 50%. Caltrans County keeps cleaning the snow on the roads. Now they spray a liquid and John explained that they coat the road and the liquid stay around 48 hours. For last he talked about the email we received from NRCS, he said he came to the NRCS office and he didn't realize that they moved to the old office. Lyle asked if we have some responsibility for the garden and Melinda answered that the lady that rents the place offered to take care of it. David said that he drives from time to time to see the state in which it is.

John Carrier: He's been in rehabilitation mode. He's expecting that in a couple months he will be able to walk and probably will take him between 6 to 9 months his full recovery. Also, he talked about the weather changes; he's been reading a lot. To his comments Melinda shared that she read a book that talks about that, Ministry for the Future.

David Mecchi: David talked about the erosion control inspection that he mentioned last Board meeting. He said that he will not give them the letter without having carried out the erosion methods that he asked for. David said that they put the wattles backwards so he told them to fix it. He said that the contractor did a good job on the road but not on the final step.

Wayne Kelly: Wayne talked about the progress made on the Whispering Oaks project, he did mention that Melinda has been a great help. He said the project is moving well and thanked Melinda.

Future Agenda Items: Executive Director edited Job Description.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: Vicky provided a balances comparison chart with the Auditor's office balances and ours balances. She's been working with Pat on reconciling the accounts. She explained the numbers and the progress made.

Grants: Melinda talked about Bootjack Water Grant. They have a hold up for PGE for the contract. It was submitted online but PGE didn't receive it so she will mail the application with the check. Public Works will request the check, we will mail it out and PG will update the transformer. Melinda helped Public Works to submit two grants, one for Coulterville and the other one for Yosemite West. The grants are for update their systems through DWR. Also, she has been working on get all the permits for Whispering Oaks. About EPIC grant, Cortus is behind two years schedule, they can't get certified. It's a really good technology but they can't make it work on big amounts. So the local Biomass group had a meeting. They decided give Cortus two more months, if they can't make the 7 days operations they will start looking for another provider because they can't waste this 5,000,000 opportunity. They know already other potentials companies but they have to be able to meet the requirements. RCPP grant keeps renewing so will paying Smiley to help Robyn. Melinda said is a great program and we keeping helping the people. Melinda talked about CCI 2 grant, we've been receiving right of entries to do fuel reduction. This program will help to Wawona and Yosemite West. She's planning to hire somebody to do Wawona because is a lot of work for Leslie Heavy Haul. About Monarch grant, CARCD asked to do a presentation on the annual conference. Heather Bernikoff doesn't want to do it. Melinda will work with a lady from Sierra Miwuk. Also she will try to apply another grant from CARCD for pollination.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items: None.

Discussion: Melinda forgot to do the BOS presentation but she discussed with The Board some ideas to add it. She will include a chart that Pat Garcia made with all the Grants the RCD has been working. Also she will include the Bootjack Storage Water Tank project and she will mention that she has been helping Public Works writing grants for them.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM. (M) Lyle Turpin, (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: February 2nd, 2022

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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.