

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

Date: Wednesday, February 2nd, 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: 2:01 PM by MCRCD Board President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) Lyle Turpin to approve January 2022 Minutes with the typo correction on the pons word, should be pond. (S) John Carrier. No discussion followed. Ayes: Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: 1) Received by email SDRMA about 2022-2023 Renewal Questionnaire.2) Received by email from Tracy Gauthier from Mariposa County to verify RCD Directors Terms of Office.

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: He talked about a project he's doing with cattle on BLM land. Also he said he hasn't been to Merced in a couple of months, the reason he went was for take care some farm business.

John Carrier: John thanked us for the flowers arrangement that he received when he got hurt. He mentioned that the flowers lasted almost for three weeks. He talked about the rainfall; he got almost 18 inches so far this year. He said if we get three big storms we will be fine. He went to the hospital this morning to see his surgeon for his leg and on his way back he noticed a lot of the old oak trees they dying for the drought, they are falling apart. He didn't track the CARCD annual conference. David reminded Melinda that as soon as we go back to normal she will attend the conference.

David Mecchi: David said he doesn't have anything to report, only signing papers. Vicky asked if he got the phone call from Steven Engfer for an erosion inspection. Melinda knows him; she said he does a lot of work. He's going to send all the maps but he was leaving this afternoon. Melinda asked David about the last erosion control so David recounted all the details that he went through but finally, the work was corrected and he approved the letter

Wayne Kelly: Wayne talked about couple things. One was the water rights. Wayne mentioned that they constantly change the filing process and the prices go up. Second subject, Bezak and the water delivery. Wayne has a couple of properties that their well doesn't produce enough water. Self-Help Enterprise has a program that provides water through Bezak. He asked for information and if you have money, you may not qualify but they called him later and they will try if the tenants are the ones who apply for it.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: Vicky mentioned that the accounts are reconciled and today the Board will vote for the Final Financials FYE21 so she will submit them to Smith & Newell. She also reported that she got the payroll taxes from August and September so the books for the first trimester of this fiscal year are closed. She requested again to the Auditor's office the activity and balances but their answer is that they hadn't closed any month yet. She also told them that for the next Board meeting they will have to vote on the updated budgets for this year since the original numbers were not correct.

Grants: Melinda talked about some money available from IRWM for disadvantaged communities and they don't require match, nobody has been submitting any projects yet. The County has projects but they are higher than 500 thousands. She will follow up with Lake Don Pedro. Melinda communicated to the Board that she no longer needs the resolution that the Board was going to vote on. She explained what the grant consisted of but at the last minute they decided not to do it. Melinda saw the bids and they charge 15,000 per acre, the prices are out of range. Melinda said that they never going to get grant money. About CCI1, she filed the final report. She applied for a second Monarch grant to continue to pay two tribal inters from the Miwuk to go out and do some planting and education. She did a presentation for CARCD. About Bootjack Water Tank project she said is looking good. She said they are waiting for PGE. Lyle asked her what's going on with Coulterville. She said they applied for two new tanks

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items:

Executive Director Edited Job Description. (M) John Carrier. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

June Final Financials FYE21. (M) John Carrier. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Discussion: None.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM. (M) Lyle Turpin, (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 03/02/2022

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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.