

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

**Date:** Wednesday, March 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, Lyle Turpin and Wayne Kelly.

**Directors absent:** None.

**Associate directors present:** None.

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

**Guests:** None.

**Call to order:** 2:21 PM by MCRCD Board Vice President Lyle Turpin.

**Public communication:** None.

**Minutes:** (M) John Carrier to approve February 2022 Minutes. (S) Wayne Kelly. No discussion followed. Ayes: Lyle Turpin, Wayne Kelly, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** 1) Received by mail from The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Requesting comments on the proposed case closure of the Chase's Foothill Petroleum underground storage tank (UST) case, located at 4632 Highway 49 in Mariposa, CA. 2) Received by email from Mariposa County Clerk's Office. Reminder to File FPPC Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).

**Information Items and/or Special Guests:** None.

**Staff reports:**

**IRWMP:** Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

**MCRCD:** None.

**Directors Reports:**

**Lyle Turpin:** Lyle talked about when he was doing all his traveling to doctor's appointments he was listening Sonora radio station and they were talking about Tuolumne County just got 200,000 grant from BLM but he doesn't know for where. Melinda mentioned that she doesn't work with BLM but she knows a lady that attends swift meetings. This lady said that they have a lot of work and they are looking for partners. Lyle asked Melinda who from here should apply and Melinda answered that probably us or Fire Safe Council.

**John Carrier:** John forgot to call The Lion's club to see if we can recruit someone who is interested in being a new Directors so he has it scheduled for next week. Also he said that things are drying out.

**David Mecchi:** he doesn't have anything to report just busy making dust.

**Wayne Kelly:** None.

**Future Agenda Items:** Updated Financials FY22 and Zero Out the accounts: Demo Garden, Donation, and Water Use Efficiency.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Personnel:** None.

**Finance:** Melinda talked about the packet that Pat and Vicky did it together. She mentioned that the numbers still not accurate because we don't have the earned interest and payroll taxes yet. We're expecting to close out some grants and we will transfer some money to 803 for payroll

and 808 Contingency Fund, we want to build up the account. For 805-Demo Garden account, Pat suggested to take the balance and donate to the lady that leases the place to take care the garden. 809-Donation account somebody gave us money for help AmeriCorps. David suggested to keep it and Pat suggested to use it for a Ranch camp or scholarship. 810-IRWM account doesn't have money. We borrowed some money from this account to pay SUSP and SALEM. 811-DWR Bootjack account. We're going to bill for the retention at the end. 813-WIG2 account, this is the account for the Biomass project. We're going to ask for an extension of time. Melinda explained that the balance on the financials is what we have in the bank, is not the balance of the grant. 817-EPIC grant. This grant got extended but sadly Cortus is not able to proof his technology. 818-WUE account, Melinda suggested to transfer the balance to IRWM account. She won't bill to Lake Don Pedro anymore. 819-Video Grant account. This grant ends in two weeks so we will ask for an extension of time. 820-RCPP account, we don't have a revised budget because we're waiting for the third contract to update the numbers. 821-CCI account. We finished phase 1 and we're going to use the same account for phase 2. As soon as we get our last payment we're going to transfer all the balance so the records are cleaner. So we will transfer some to 803 for payroll and the rest to the Contingency Fund account. 822-WCB phase 1. This account is going to be sitting for a year, it's on hold. We're done but SNF is busy working on other project for a while. 823-Monarch account. We have one invoice left and will be done. We applied for a second grant for 5 years and we will get some money for payroll. 826-WCB phase 2. We got an advance and after we spent it we can ask for a second advance. This is for Yosemite West and National Park.

Grants: For the IRWMP program, Melinda talked about two projects. Mariposa County wants to apply for the waste water system for Yosemite West. The program has a second pot for disadvantaged communities, around 500,000 for projects. Melinda talked with Laura Hilbert from Sierra Foothill Conservancy around six months ago and she said that have a project so Melinda contacted her so they put together the project. It's a project on Stockton Creek, 40 acres' parcel. Before the meeting, she Melinda had a phone call with CAL FIRE; we are the first one that finished the CCI grant. We have to go back to all the invoices and fill a new format, in a giant spreadsheet. Also we have to re-do the last invoice, we left \$10 remaining balance and they want zero balance. In addition they encouraged us to apply for a new grant so we just finished phase 1, we got phase 2, we're working on it now and we're applying for phase 3 that is due this Friday. It's going to be the fifth grant in this area, but this grant is going to be developing at Yosemite National Park. CAL FIRE thinks we're great partners. Another topic was CARCD, CALFIRE is going to do block grants for agencies to do their work and CARCD wants to apply and then have individuals, kind of RCPP, they going to be the administrator. One of the problems that Melinda faces is that we don't have enough contractors in this area. At this point, Lyle welcomed David, he joined the meeting at 2:40 pm. Melinda announced that the Coulterville grant was not founded because it was first come first serve and they took so long that was not money left. She's going to ask Self Help to apply for it again. Last subject was Bootjack tank; she said they are waiting for the new electrical panels to update the power. They were ordered last November and still not here. The problem is to get in PGE schedule so they will schedule for April 18. So we're a month behind on schedule, we're waiting for the electricity but we will done before fire season.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

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

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Action Items:**

**Discussion:** None.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM. (M) John Carrier, (S) Lyle Turpin. 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.