

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

Date: Wednesday, April 5th, 2023 @ 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: Wayne Kelly.

Associate directors present: None.

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Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

Guests: None.

Call to order: 2:10 PM by MCRCD President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) John Carrier to approve October 2022 Minutes. (S) Lyle Turpin. No discussion followed. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: 1) Received by email, from UCCE University of California. Range Camp 2023 flyer for June 18-23, 2023. Next Board meeting will be an action item for sponsor a kid. 2) Received by mail from SDRMA. 2023-24 Property / Liability Renewal Estimate. 3) Received by mail from SDRMA. 2023-24 Workers' Compensation Renewal Estimate.

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 how looks the country after the snow storms and mentioned they got 41" of water. Another topic that he talked about was some statistics from the Oak fire that he read in an article, which started a discussion about the importance of the Home Hardening program here that we are currently working on.

John Carrier: He also talked about the aftermath of the storms we had. He measured 72.3 inches of water, setting this number as a new record on his property and with minimal erosion.

David Mecchi: He talked about his work with the CCC team and Watershed Progressive people. He said it was an interesting experience work with them. They mentioned to Melinda that they learned a lot and now have another perspective on how to do the work.

Wayne Kelly: None.

Future Agenda Items: Minutes September 2022, Minutes November 2022, Appoint Lyle Turpin and John Carrier as MCRCD Directors, Range Camp sponsor, Melinda & Vicky salaries increase.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: We don't get the interest earned FY22 yet. Vicky shared something that was about to happen. Paying a bill from a supplier that got hacked. Fortunately, the auditor's office detected it in time. She reported that she continues to work with Pat on the needs that arise.

Grants: Biomass Project, probably in 18 months will be start to building. RCPP grant, CARCD has some available funds to use before the grant expires and they asked to RCDs if we can spend it. David will give a call a Johnnie to ask for more work. For CCI2, we had to submit CEQA forms and just got it approved, so pretty soon LHH will start working again on the project. For the Home Hardening Program, we're sending and receiving applications forms and the ROE to the community, so far looking good. For CCI3, Melinda is waiting for Garrett to send the CEQA to her. We have to wait for the CEQA clear and then we can start working and request the first advance for this project. For the WCB, we have the two projects and we were waiting for National Forest to do their work and they were busy working on other projects but as soon as we told them that we were going to move their budget to Yosemite National Park, they immediately replied that they are going to use some funds. Whatever they don't spent it will go to the National Park. This grant got a new Program Manager and before we don't have to report the match time until the end of the grant but this new manager requested us to do it in regular basis. OPR grant, this is the first pilot program and we were waiting for the budget adjustments for months. For the Wildfire Resilience program, this is the grant that involves erosion control and home hardening. We're done with the erosion control phase and we're switching to home hardening. We are working with the same contractor (Watershed Progressive). We had a 3 hours training with an expert. Basically we are going to the properties, make an assessment, the goal is making 0-5 foot clear space, put ember screens and other stuff but those are the most important. Monarch grant, we got the second round from CARCD. This grant requested CEQA too and we are on the waiting period right now. PGE grant is done, Melinda is going to submit the papers, she needs to go the PGE website and submit them.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items: None.

Discussion: None.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM. (M) John Carrier, (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 05/03/2023

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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.