

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

Date: Wednesday, October 5th, 2022 @ 2:00 PM

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

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

Directors absent: Wayne Kelly.

Associate directors present: None.

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Staff present: Vicky Cole.

Guests: NRCS FBA-Paula Xenos, NRCS District Conservationist-Celine Morales, NRCS Soil Conservationist-Alyssa Glaser.

Call to order: 2:23 PM by MCRCD President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

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

Correspondence: None.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: Alyssa Glaser – NRCS Soil Conservationist. Alyssa introduced herself and confirmed that she will be attending the RCD Board meetings.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

Lyle Turpin: Lyle talked about an article in the Mariposa Gazette, from the UC Master Gardeners of Mariposa County, "To seed or not to seed after wildfire". He said the Merced River still running, not a lot of water but it does. He also talked about how high prices have increased, such as molasses. He explained a new method he will use to feed the cows.

John Carrier: He mentioned the article the DWR published in their monthly newsletter about Bootjack water tank. The article was posted at MCRCD website and media platforms. David said he wished the County allowed us to put a big sign on the tank. He wishes we get some rain but it doesn't look well. He suggested keeping our eyes open to any kind of grant for water help. Melinda reminded us about the grant that Self-Help Enterprises is managing. For last he said he's concerned about the transition of our accounting system to accrual basis, he hopes that we will be able to implement it before our next audit.

David Mecchi: He mentioned the reason that he was absent last Board meeting was because he was fighting a fire, on his way back he saw Lyle. He thinks the fire season is over and we won't get big fires anymore this year. He keeps approving warrants and invoices to Vicky and he's working on Erosion Control projects for his business and said that people want to do it but the issue is that they don't have the money to do it. Sadly is a financial issue.

Wayne Kelly: None.

Future Agenda Items: Minutes August 2022 and September 2022.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: Pat is working to understand how to do our bookkeeping with accrual basis instead cost basis, it's confusing. Smith & Newell were already at the Auditor's office working on the next audit. Vicky mentioned we're still waiting for the new CARCD-RCPP grant. Also, the video grant account is not in red numbers anymore. From the CCI1 grant account, we paid the invoice from Mariposa County, the pending one for \$150,000 so the remaining balance belongs to the RCD. We transferred 30,000 to 2803 account to cover payroll expenses for a few months. Also we had a pending an invoice from LHH so we paid it from Bootjack account, the money there belongs to ours too so we will paid back with the second advance that we're going to get. For last, Melinda needs to make a report for the interest earned but we're still waiting for them. David said we need to put some pressure on the Auditor's office, make a complain.

Grants: Whispering Oaks, we need additional studies. We have to re do the contract with them. Melinda mentioned that she doesn't have a speaker for the IRWM meeting, she asked for some ideas. David suggested talking about Erosion Control and Melinda agreed. She said we can talk about the new grant for technical assistance. Melinda asked David if he's available for October 27 to talk about EC. Lyle asked for an update on the application for the Coulterville water system project. Melinda said PW got funded for it, and they will be the administrator. We're waiting for the CCI3 contract from CAL FIRE. We're still working on CCI2, the plans changed a bit due to demand; we're trying to make progress in other areas so we probably won't be back in Wawona and Yosemite West until spring. We're waiting for the \$50,000 that the County gave us and they gave us another 10,000 to Title III and CARCD gave us 160,000. Melinda is going to combine all to do technical assistance and home Harding because that meet the deliverables that the County is expecting. Also, we're getting a new monarch habitat grant in November from CARCD and it's around 60,000.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items:

Discussion: Whispering Oaks contract, Wayne can't sign the contract, he can refuse himself and another person sign the contract. About the CARCD Annual conference, David said he wants to send Melinda, she will be able to connect with people. This year will be at Folsom, CA. This year they have in person and a virtual. John and David suggested Melinda should go to the in person or both.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM. (M) John Carrier, (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 04/05/2023

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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.