

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

Date: Wednesday, September 7th, 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 Wayne Kelly.

Directors absent: David Mecchi.

Associate directors present: None.

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Staff present: Vicky Cole.

Guests: Paula Xenos, Celine Morales.

Call to order: 2:05 PM by MCRCD Vice President Lyle Turpin.

Public communication: Celine Morales introduced herself and gave a brief summary of the applications that were authorized for this last round.

Minutes: Pass to the next month, No quorum.

Correspondence: 1) Received by mail, from Mariposa County Planning Department. Requesting comments in two projects. Rapids Hotel, LLC and Ollimac Land & Cattle LP. No comments. Received by mail, from SDRMA. Check # 026101, refund after 2021-22 WC Audit 72588.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: None.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: None.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

Lyle Turpin: He talked about the drought and some questions about the RCD YouTube channel, see at Discussion.

John Carrier: He talked about the drought, the high temperatures and that he has a bear around his property causing damage. Also he suggested to add an item to discuss next Board meeting for CARCD Annual conference this 11/30 – 12/02. Review the budget to see if we can send two people this year.

David Mecchi: None.

Wayne Kelly: He talked about some problems that are arising in the Whispering Oaks project.

Future Agenda Items: Minutes June 2022 and August 2022.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: Smith & Newell requested the signed engament letter for the next audit, FYE22. Vicky talked about the new renewal for the RCPP grant for 5 more years.

Grants: None.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items: None.

Discussion: Lyle is shocked to see all the damage caused by the oak fire. Many houses were burned and he does not know for sure the exact number, he commented that those numbers are not disclosed. He proposed that we discuss what we can do as an entity to prevent these disasters. Maybe promote more the youtube channel that John Schroeder created? He also suggested that for the next board meeting to bring a guest from CalFire, so he can tell us about the real statistics and educate us a bit on prevention. Paula Xenos, from the NRCS office was present at the meeting and provided us with information of the UCCE Fire advisor, Alison Deak. She is in the UC office in this building, and should have lots of material.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM. (M) Wayne Kelly, (S) John CARRIER. Ayes: John Carrier, Wayne Kelly, Lyle Turpin. 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.