

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

**Date:** Thursday, December 14th, 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:** 2:09 PM by MCRCD President David Mecchi.

**Public communication:** None.

**Minutes:** Moved to January Board meeting.

**Correspondence:** 1) Received by email, from CARCD. CARCD 2023 Delegate Credential. 2) Received by email, from SDRMA. SDRMA Workers' Compensation – Member Location. 3) Received by mail, from SDRMA. 2024-25 Renewal Questionnaire. The deadline is January 16, 2024.

**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:** Lyle apologized for not attending the last meeting, he said that sometimes there are things that cannot be avoided. Lyle read something about the County was switching over a new financial system and read some positive comments. He thought the Auditor's office was who was switching the system but Melinda corrected him, she told him that the one who was implementing the new system was the planning department. She said they hired a firm so that they can do departmental approvals online, like permits. Another subject was about California State Farm Bill promoted Steve Crook as the first Vice President. Also, he mentioned that if you driving for Highway 49, at the height of the Virginia mine, people cannot make the curve well. He read in the Mariposa Gazette that the County is advertising for three water tanks

**Wayne Kelly:** None.

**John Carrier:** John heard yesterday that the governor is going to stop spending and he wonders how is going to affect our operations. Also shared that DWR is trying to consolidate small water systems, he is not sure about the number but they consolidated enough systems for 100,000 people which does not seem like a whole lot in 10 years.

**David Mecchi:** David picked up the RCD signs and he was hoping Wayne would be there so he could see the signs. He coordinated with John to install them. Also, he did the final inspection for the Dunn Ranch Phase III. He gave instructions to Vicky to prepare the letter and send it. They will send the check by mail.

**Future Agenda Items:** November 2023 minutes.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Personnel: None.

Finance: Vicky mentioned that she does not have any updates about the backup requested for the audit files. She also notified the Board that they will have to transfer funds to 2803 account for payroll since it does not have enough funds for this month's payroll. Probably we will transfer money from 2821 – CCI2 account, the grant is almost done and RCD earned enough money from the grant. She reported that after the meeting she would pick up several checks for big amounts so balances will drop considerably. The balances from the MCRCD grant tracking summary are updated, Pat updated them. CCI2 and WCB1 grants are almost done, so we are going to move the money earned by the RCD to 2803 account for payroll and some to 2808- Contingency account.

Grants: Melinda heard that the IRWM program will not get more funds, she feels so disappointed because she thinks is a great program. She will find out more about it. EPIC Grant – We got another \$2,000,000 grant from Cal Fire, still waiting for the grading permit and got an extension of time to 2026. RCPP Grant – We got the new contract; she will request David's signature. CCI2 Grant – It is almost done, probably when start to snow. We have around 350,000 left for Leslie Heavy Haul work. CCI3 Grant – It is doing well. We hired Arbor Works; they are going to shutting down soon too for the weather. Next spring, we are going to use both, LHH and Arbor Works to get the work faster. WCB1 Grant - Almost done. WCB2 Grant – We still have almost 2,500,000 million dollars. OPR Grant – SBC supposed submit some reports but they did not meet the dateline. Melinda got a phone call this morning from Michael and told to cancel immediately the contract to Sierra Business Council. Micheal approved to hired a new company to do the work. Melinda discussed SBC situation with the Board about the two invoices pending to pay to SBC. The Board decided to pay only the first one that was submitted to OPR and approved, and do not pay the second one. Home Hardening Program – We advertised the program on the newspapers. Melinda applied for two Home Hardening programs too. Bootjack Tank – It is time to submit the annual reports but Melinda will wait until she receives the notification. Vicky mentioned to Melinda that probably now we must update the RCPP Grant to the CARCD Tracker website too. Melinda suggested to ask Smiley to do it and he can bill for his time. Fish Wild Partner Grant – Heather's grant. We must submit the annual report. Melinda gave some directions to Vicky. She mentioned that she worked around 10 hours, set the account, field visit and the scope the work.

Policy: None.

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

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Discussion:** None.

**Action Items:**

To Approve Resolution 23-001 Forest Health Grant Phase 4. (M) John Carrier (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM. (M) John Carrier (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 02/07/2024

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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.