

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

Date: Thursday, February 7th, 2024 @ 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.

Associate directors absent: None.

Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

Guests: Don Smith – Treasurer's Friends of Whispering Oaks and Secretary of the Homeowners Association

Call to order: 2:07 PM by MCRCD President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes: Moved to March Board meeting.

Correspondence: 1) Received by mail from SDRMA. California Labor Law Poster. 2) Received by email from Scott, Christopher. Follow up GCC Feedback. Mariposa RCD is on track to be added back into the system. The 2024 GCC alert letters are expected to be mailed in early February 2024. 3) Received by email from Carol Suggs. Ag Advisory Committee. Letter and applications are submitted. 4) Received by email from CARCD. CARCD membership – additional information needed. 5) Received by email, from Bluehost. Security & Performance Update coming to your website. Cheryl D. Johnson is working on updating the RCD website. 6) Received by mail, from Mariposa County. 1099-G form. 7) Received by mail, from Mariposa County Planning Department. Request for comments for Surf Loch project.

Information Items and/or Special Guests:

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

Lyle Turpin: Lyle had a question about where the money that Fire Safe Council received came from. Melinda responded it was from CAL FIRE. Melinda explained him how CAL FIRE distribute the funds. Lyle wanted to know or make sure that we are not directly competing with the Fire Safe Council. To which Melinda responded that no, we do bigger jobs. Another subject that he talked was about the last storms.

Wayne Kelly: None.

John Carrier: John talked about the rain. He compared what we accumulated last year with this year and mentioned that we have only received what we normally have each year. He also made a comment about the audit, he thinks that we should wait for the comments and based on them, look for an accountant to help us. He sees in advance that one of the points to cover is the interest generated. It will be important to see how we must declare them. He also reported that he attended the IRWM meeting, and he was pleased to see that one of the supervisors was present and she offered to help us in any way she can.

David Mecchi: David reported that he worked with the AmeriCorps team. Also, authorizing payments and invoices.

Future Agenda Items: November and December 2023 minutes.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: Melinda and Vicky shared all the questions Smith & Newell asked them. Several were about the Bootjack Tank project. Melinda mentioned that this was a complicated project, not only because it was when we had the COVID pandemic, but because we had other partners. Vicky reported that she took several boxes of files to the storage room, she no longer had space.

Grants: EPIC grant – Melinda mentioned that they have some problems with PGE and the planning department never got the bond. OPR grant – We still waiting for the amendment. We cannot charge any time because we already spent the budget amount so we must wait to get the approved amendment.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Discussion:

Hire a CPA - Melinda explained to the board some of the setbacks we faced and explained some of the advantages of hiring someone outside to review and advise us on our accounting. The Board approved to find a CPA.

Update Personnel Policy - NO need to update policy. The parameters to be discussed regarding vacation time are covered in the policy (page 5) Vicky will ask Smith & Newell is the policy is good enough.

Action Items:

To Approve December 2023 Minutes. (M) John Carrier (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:31 PM. (M) John Carrier (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 03/06/2024

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MCRCDD 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.