

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

Date: Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 @ 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 Wayne Kelly.

Directors absent: Lyle Turpin.

Associate directors present: None.

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Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

Guests: None.

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

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) John Carrier to approve April 2022 Minutes. (S) Wayne Kelly. No discussion followed. Ayes: David Mecchi, Wayne Kelly, John Carrier. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: None.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: None.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

MCRCD: None.

Directors Reports:

Lyle Turpin: Absent.

John Carrier: John just talked about the last storm we had, it was very cold and his trees lost all the fruit.

David Mecchi: David attended the BOS presentation and he commented that was a great presentation. Melinda thanks the Directors for attended the presentation. David continues authorizing the use of the stamp every time Vicky asks for it.

Wayne Kelly: He mentioned that Whispering Oaks project is going pretty well and Melinda explained about the letter of permission, the next step to moving forward.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: Vicky talked about the new contract for RCPP for 50,000. She didn't receive any news from Smith & Newell yet. The Auditor's office started to use Oracle software receiving deposits. She asked again for payroll taxes, earning interests but Kathie said they are not ready to give us the information. Vicky also mentioned that the fiscal year is almost over and we don't have our files updated.

Grants: Melinda talked about Bootjack project. The day that was scheduled PGE's work it rained so they will schedule for another day. Public Works is not asking the BOS for more money yet for the change orders. Public Works doesn't finish FEMA tanks application. Melinda keeps working on Whispering Oaks stuff. Melinda talked about EPIC grant, we got a stop order, and we can't charge anything to the grant.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items:

To approve Scholarship for summer camper ranch if we don't sponsor this year we will forward for next summer. (M) John Carrier. (S) Wayne Kelly. Ayes: John Carrier, Wayne Kelly, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Discussion:

AB 1902_RCD Concerns: The Board discussed this new legislation. Basically there are a few concerns because AB 1902 would explicitly authorize DOC on some points that the RCDs have autonomy and will be bound by LAFCO regulations. The language is ambiguous. Melinda asked who is our local LAFCO and John Carrier said is Sarah Williams. Melinda mentioned that Sarah is smart and brilliant and she follows by the book so it could be interesting to know her opinion about this legislation, Melinda will ask her.

Ranch Camp: The Board discussed about donates some of the money on the Donation account for the ranch Camp last Board meeting. Lyle Turpin suggested adding an action item to transfer money back to the account but it's not necessary because the money was never transferred.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM. (M) John Carrier, (S) Wayne Kelly. Ayes: John Carrier, David Mechi, Wayne Kelly. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 11/02/2022

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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.