

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

**Date:** Wednesday, March 6th, 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.

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**Staff present:** Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

**Guests:** Don Smith.

**Call to order:** 1:55 PM by MCRCD President David Mecchi.

**Public communication:** None.

**Minutes:** Moved to April 2024 Board meeting.

**Correspondence:** 1) Received by mail from California State Controller. 2023 Government Compensation in California Report. 2) Received by email from Mariposa County Clerk's Office. Reminder to file FPPC Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) Annual. 3) Received by mail from Donald G. Smith. Associate Director's letter. 4) Received by mail from SDRMA. Notice of Director Vacancy. 5) Received by mail from CARCD. General Membership Special Meeting – March 7, 2024. 6) Received by mail from SDRMA. 2024/25 Budget Estimate for Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance.

**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:** Verbal report submitted by Lyle.

**Wayne Kelly:** None.

**John Carrier:** Verbal report submitted by John.

**David Mecchi:** Verbal report submitted by David.

**Future Agenda Items:** November 2023 and January 2024 minutes.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Personnel:** None.

**Finance:** Vicky reported about RCPP grant. She got a phone call last week telling her that Invoice # 1 was rejected. NRCS has been changing several of the specifications. Also, this new contract is for applicants who do not have any contract with NRCS. This is one of the reasons why they rejected the invoice, the work done by Smiley is done by people who already have a contract with NRCS. To solve that problem, CARCD gave us another agreement for 20,000. In that contract we will bill existing contracts with NRCS.

**Grants:** Melinda notified that the next IRWM meeting will be April 25. FEMA tanks projects report was provided for Melinda. EPIC Grant – West Biofuels got a 30 million grant from the Department of Energy. CCI2 Grant – This grant is almost done. Melinda will work on the final reports. WCB1

Grant – We are going to submit our last invoice. OPR Grant – We got the amendment approved. We got an extension of time. Home Hardening Program – We keep getting a few HH applications. We are still waiting for the news about if we got the other grant. New Monarch Grant – Melinda has a meeting with Tara tomorrow, she will get an update tomorrow. The grant is must for the salaries for the Pollinator team.

Policy: None.

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

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Discussion:** None.

**Action Items:**

To Approve February 2024 Minutes. (M) John Carrier (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM. (M) John Carrier (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 04/03/2024

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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.