

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

**Date:** Wednesday, November 1st, 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 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:** 2:02 PM by MCRCD President David Mecchi.

**Public communication:** None.

**Minutes:** (M) John Carrier to approve October 2023 Minutes with two corrections made by David Mecchi and Melinda Barrett. (S) Wayne Kelly. No discussion followed. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Wayne Kelly. Nay: None. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** 1) Received by mail from SDRMA. President's Special acknowledgement Award – Property / Liability Program. 2) Received by mail from SDRMA. President's Special Acknowledgement Award – Workers' Compensation Program. 3) Received by mail from Wawona Homeowners Association. Award to the Executive Director Melinda Barrett. Recognition for the excellent work done in the community.

**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:** None.

**Wayne Kelly:** Wayne recounted the amazing experience of seeing countless dolphins in person in Carmel, CA when he was out on his son's boat with his son.

**John Carrier:** John mentioned that he attended the IRWM meeting and said that he checked the MCRCD website and was surprised to see that we have some updates.

**David Mecchi:** David gave the bill for the RCD signs to Vicky to process the payment, and asked John for his help to put up them.

**Future Agenda Items:** None.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Personnel:** None.

**Finance:** Vicky provided a summary of the deposits received during the month and mentioned that she requested to the Auditor's office a backup for some deposits that do not check with our records. She and Pat are still working on finishing the files for the FY21 audit.

**Grants:** Melinda started reporting for the CCI3 grant. She mentioned that we do not request the advance yet because we must spend it in 6 months. The contractors are working but they must wait for us to get reimburse. About Heather's grant, she mentioned that as soon as Heather her NRCS EQIP contract, she can spend her 20,000. About EPIC, Melinda mentioned that we are working getting the grading permit. CCI2 – This grant is almost done. She said we are going to spend the rest of the year finishing this grant. Melinda mentioned that Round 4 was opened

yesterday. About WCB1, she mentioned that we are going to close on time. This grant expires next March 31,2024. Regarding the Monarch project, the update was that the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation scheduled an interview for several candidates to work on the project and they asked Melinda if she could participate in the interview and selection of the candidate, she accepted. WCB2 – Contractors will continue working until the weather permits. CARCD CAL FIRE Wildfire Resilience program is done but Melinda submitted 2 grant applications to continuing working on Home Hardening. Melinda asked Vicky to get some estimates to advertise the HH program on the newspapers.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

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

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Discussion: 1)** Sierra Business Council – OPR Update. Melinda commented that Steve Frish from SBC and Michael Maguire from OPR spoke and that they were given a deadline of November 6 to deliver all the deliverables that they have pending. Michael mentioned to Melinda that Steve Frish is very persuasive. She has no objection to this decision made by OPR. She has requested the backup for the work billed since mid-September. She concludes by saying that we must wait and see what happens on November 6.

**2)** Director's approach / stipend topic. Vicky handed out copies of an old version of MCRCD financial policies provided by Pat Garcia. David asked the Board if they had any questions or doubts about it, to which they answered none. So, for the records this policy was reviewed and Approved for the Board on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Wayne asked for an update about Board Development. David mentioned that he reached a couple people, John suggested to ask Sara Williams but David said he talked with her and she responded that now that she is retired, it is not in her immediate plans to get involved with other agencies.

**Action Items:**

To vote to approve the Projected Budgets FY2024. (M) Wayne Kelly. (S) John Carrier. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Wayne Kelly. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM. (M) Wayne Kelly, (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Carrier, Wayne Kelly. 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.