

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

Date: Wednesday, April 3rd, 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, Wayne Kelly, and Lyle Turpin.

Directors absent: None.

Associate directors present: None.

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Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

Guests: None.

Call to order: 1:53 PM by MCRCD President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) Lyle Turpin to approve March 2024 Minutes with one correction made by David Mecchi, to change Thursday for Wednesday on the date. (S) John Carrier. No discussion followed. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin. Nay: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: 1) Received by mail from Mariposa County. Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing. Friday, April 19, 2024 @ 9:00AM. 2) Received by email from Arbor Works. Requesting outstanding balance for Crowe LLP auditors. 3) Received by email from Smith & Newell. Audit of June 30, 2022 Financial Statements of Mariposa County Resource Conservation District. 4) Received by email from Rural Community Assistance Corporation. Free Policies & Procedures Training for Managers & Board Members. 5) Received by email from Harold Singer. Termination of SCRMC. See at Discussion.

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: Verbal report submitted by Wayne Kelly.

John Carrier: Verbal report submitted by John.

David Mecchi: Verbal report submitted by David.

Future Agenda Items: Termination of Sierra Central Coordinated Resource Management Council Resolution.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: Vicky reported about RCPP grant. NRCS continues changing specifications. She got an email from Smith & Newell asking for original and ending budget for the audit FYE23. Last subject was about a Financial Consultant. Ryan Reger from CARCD provided the information and the fees will pay for CARCD under a financial grant they have. We requested help for three things: Assistance with setting up a sustainable fund for employee health insurance stipends, Review of

current bookkeeping practices to ensure audit compliance and Opinion on whether we should continue using County for banking and Payroll or contract for those services elsewhere.

Grants: Melinda mentioned that Watershed Progressive got a grant for 22 million from DWR to implement turf replacement, taking up irrigated lawn or replacement for something that uses less water. For two Counties, Ventura, and Mariposa. She told Regina Hirsch that we do not have irrigated lawns here. She will talk with her to check if we can adjust the tasks to something more like removing bushes. It would be fantastic. EPIC Grant – We have the Commission Public Hearing. Friday, April 19, 2024 @ 9:00AM. Melinda mentioned to the Board that could be great if they can be there. CCI2 Grant – This grant is almost done; we have one invoice to go. We are still waiting the news for CCI4 grant. WCB1 Grant – We submitted the last invoice; Melinda is working on the final reports. WCB2 Grant - We are about half way through the project, WCB added information to include in the reports. OPR Grant - We receive the amendment contract approved. We hired Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG) to do the work that Sierra Business Council did not do. Home Hardening Program – We got a few HH applications after John Carrier did the presentation. We got one of the grant applications submitted so Melinda thinks we have enough money for one more year working with the Home Hardening Program. Monarch Grant - Melinda spoke with Tara about recognizing the RCD as part of the project and allowing anyone interested in volunteering with the project to be accepted, not just those from the tribe. Tara told Melinda that she will work on it, she had forgotten. Melinda mentioned that they are doing an excellent job, growing plants, getting training. Also mentioned that CARCD hired Heather Bernikoff to manage this grant. For last, Melinda said that she applied one more time for Title III, for \$20,000. She thinks we will get it.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: Check the status of Ethics training.

Discussion:

SB 553 Violence Prevention Plan. Senate Bill ([SB553](#)) was signed into law on September 20, 2023, and will require most California employers to have workplace violence prevention procedures in place by **July 1, 2024**. Melinda investigated it and there is an exception for employers who have employees who telework from a location of their choosing outside of the control of employer and another that said locations closed to the public where fewer than 10 employees work at the time. So, we are exempted.

SCRMC. David gave a brief introduction of how and why this JPA was created and how before it had activity but is no longer used. That is why the council has decided to end the JPA and for that we must vote for the resolution. The resolution will be as item next Board Meeting.

Action Items:

To Approve November 2023 Minutes. (M) Wayne Kelly (S) John Carrier. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Wayne Kelly. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

To Approve January 2024 Minutes with the date correction. (M) Wayne Kelly (S) John Carrier. Ayes: Lyle Turpin, John Carrier, Wayne Kelly. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM. (M) John Carrier (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, Wayne Kelly. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 05/01/2024

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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.