

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

Date: Wednesday, February 5th, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Location: Conference Room at the Ag. Commissioner's Office 5009 Fairground Rd.
Mariposa, CA 95338

Directors present: John Carrier, Don Smith, and Lyle Turpin.

Directors absent: David Mecchi, Wayne Kelly.

Associate directors present: None.

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Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

Guests: None.

Call to order: 2:00 PM by MCRCD Vice President Lyle Turpin.

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) John Carrier to approve December 2024 minutes. (S) Don Smith. No discussion followed. Ayes: John Carrier, Don Smith, Lyle Turpin. Nay: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: 1) Received by email from the Auditor's Office. Authorization Form update signatures. 2) Received by mail from Mariposa County 1099 form. 3) Received by mail from Lori Tierney. Thanks Card. 4) Received by mail from SDRMA. 2025 California & Federal Labor Law poster.

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.

Don Smith: Verbal report submitted by Don.

Wayne Kelly: None.

John Carrier: Verbal report submitted by John.

David Mecchi: None.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: Vicky sent to our records to Magdalena Perez – Kemper CPA Group. The business that is helping us with the transition to the QuickBooks software for the bookkeeping. The directors present requested a financial analysis of the outstanding invoices for the next board meeting.

Grants: Melinda updated the board on the current situation with the new government's order to freeze the programs. The saddest part for her is that she thinks probably the new HH program will not be funded but she will submit the application. She hopes to stretch the money we have as far as possible to continue working on the HH program. The other projects will be put on hold until we know what will happen. Also, she needs to figure out if she can request an extension of time on the grants to keep the money already awarded to us. In summary, no new grants, not payments on existing grants and our partners most are Federal employees so they are no working and/or they were encouraging to voluntarily resign. We have around 9 million dollars on frozen grants.

In addition, Melinda mentioned that NRCS is also Federal. She shared that they were planning to hire a Forester and did some interviews. They were good candidates. Her plan was to hire somebody to do the work that Smiley was doing and do some work for the Home Hardening program, but right now we have the money but cannot use it.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Discussion: None.

Action Items:

To Authorize the Office Manager to perform an analysis of how much we can spend on the Grants.
(M) Lyle Turpin. (S) Don Smith. Ayes: John Carrier, Don Smith, and Lyle Turpin. Nays: None.
Motion Approved.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM. (M) John Carrier (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, Don Smith. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 03/05/2025

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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.