

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)
Board Meeting
December 14, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers
891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: Meeting opened by R. Dean-President @ 6:00 pm

Board Members Present: R. Dean-President, K. Hafley, G. Long-Secretary, M. Robie, T. Sullivan-Vice President, N. Valente

Board Members Absent: F. Schabram-Treasurer

Others Present: Pat McGreevy, Brady Dubois, Pete Padelford. Diane Severud, Kevin Wright-Ag Commissioner, Scott Oneto, M. Cole-RCD Staff

Pledge of Allegiance

General Public Comment:

Diane Severud, BOS Clerk, apologized for not having the door unlocked for our meeting. She will get an after-hours contact for us to use if needed again.

Scott Oneto and Kevin Wright spoke about an oak woodland management committee they are on. It reports to the County regarding the cannabis plan. They suggest an RCD board member (forester) at least attend the meetings, if not join the committee for the purpose of advising on the cannabis plan.

Regular Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 11/9/17 Minutes. Board Action – T. Sullivan made motion to approve, G. Long second. On a 6-0-1 vote, minutes were approved.
2. Ad hoc committees.
 - a) Water and Soil – B. Dean reported that CCWD has been doing a pre-treatment project and that they agreed to share with us their water quality testing results. It will show what has been going into the water system as a result of the Butte fire. We hope this will help with our project development.
 - b) Forestry & Habitat – T. Sullivan reported that Blue Lake Springs has backed out of the Fire Safe Council grant due to some of its language. We were to be its administrators. More grant opportunities will be available soon.
 - c) Governance – No report.
3. Election of 2018 Officers – **T. Sullivan made a motion to keep the same officers for 2018.** G. Long second. On a 6-0-1 vote. Passed. It was noted during discussion that this would allow for continuity of our plans.
4. Change date and time of monthly meetings – We need to publish a public notice to change the meeting date. B. Dean said he would check with the Calaveras Enterprise. G. Long already has

cleared it with the County schedule that the meeting room is available. **T. Sullivan made a motion to change the meeting date to the first Thursday of the month.** Second by N. Valente. On a 6-0-1 vote motion passed.

5. Liability Insurance – B. Dean noted he will bring in the documents to review. **G. Long made a motion to continue this until next month.** Second by N. Valente. On a 6-2-1 vote, passed.
6. Strategic Planning meeting – It was discussed and decided to hold a strategic planning meeting on the third Saturday of January (20th) at the Calaveras Main Library in San Andreas. **G. Long made a motion to continue with the Strategic Plan planning.** Second by T. Sullivan. On a 6-0-1 vote, passed.
7. Meeting with County consultants – B. Dean and K. Hafley met with County officials to discuss progress of renovation plans. The County indicated they still are waiting for input from ADA regarding putting a lift in place of the stairwell. Corrie Fisk (County) would like a master building plan for immediate needs as well as one for future needs. K. Wright and S. Oneto turned in to her their layout plans for their immediate needs. She is working on a plan to take to the Board of Supervisors. The County emphasized the separation of funds. Saying that we would get a loan to do the renovations and the County would pay it back in the form of rent.
8. Monthly lecture series – B. Dean has secured the Calaveras Main Library for the third Saturday of each month.
9. RCD website – M. Cole shared some ideas for the website outline. She requested copy to be used. G. Long volunteered to help with copy and photographs.
10. Tree seedling project – G. Long informed us that because of the King Fire tree seedling project, Cal Fire had a lot of extra trees and we have the opportunity to take these and organize a replanting program for the Butte Fire area. G. Long agreed to manage the project. T. Sullivan made a motion to take on this project. Second by N. Valente on a 6-0-1 vote. Passed.
11. Cal Fire Grants – Pat McGreevy spoke to us about his role in the Cal Fire grant process. He was described as the master of grant-writing. He has written many grants on behalf of Calaveras and Amador Counties. His concerns are that we need to start managing our forests and rangelands due to the high fire danger. There is \$1.4 million available from CalFire. There will be new guidelines coming from Cap and Trade. There currently are no programs in place for the County, BLM, or water districts. As a citizen grant writer, he looks for fiscal sponsors for the grant administration. Since we already have CEQA authority, we are in position to take these on so he would like to find grants that would fit our direction. This means he would write the grant and we would manage the project and administer the grant.

When he suggested a soil study be done, Scott Oneto pointed out that one is almost done. It will help determine what should be planted in the Butte Fire area. Pat then shared his fire break maps he has been working on

12. Board Member Reports: No Reports. Information only.

An agenda item was suggested for next month – Discussing Brady Dubois to become an Associate Director.

Adjournment of meeting. Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by T. Sullivan, 2nd by G. Long. Motion carries on a 6-0-1 vote. Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, January 4th.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Attest:

President Robert Dean _____

Secretary Gordon Long _____