

# Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

March 14, 2024

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by– J. Osbourn-V.P @ 6:00 pm

**Board Members & Staff Present:** B. Dean; M. Dvorak; S. Hodson; K. Lambert.; J. Osbourn-V.P; Y. Tiscornia B. Cook-Assoc. Director; T. Walley, Executive Director; M. Cole-Admin; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director; D. Liechty, Project Mgr.;

**Board Members & Staff Absent:** J. Marsili-President; Project Mgr.; P. McGreevy,

**Others Present:** Jesse Fowler; Gary Whitson; Mitchell Garcia; Gordon Long; Rick Hill; Claire Rappaport

**Introductions:** None

**Public Comment:** Mitchell Garcia spoke about the timing of his issue resolution.

## Order of Business:

1. Partner Comment: Jesse Fowler handed out fishing day flyers, an oak woodlands ordinance draft and a greenhouse gas ordinance draft.

## Consent Agenda Items:

1. **B. Dean made a motion to approve both minutes and financials as submitted. Second by Y. Tiscornia. Motion passed on a 6/0/1 (absent) vote.**

## Old Business:

1. Updates on Current CalFire Grants in addition to attached report:
  - Forest Meadows/Wylderidge: D. Liechty noted it is too wet to work.
  - Murphys to Forest Meadows Fuels Reduction project: final handwork is complete, will be measured Friday..
  - Highway 108 North Fuels Reduction Project: D. Liechty noted it is too wet to work.
  - Fricot City Road Fuels Reduction Project: D. Liechty noted West portion may be completed by April 1. East portion to start mid-April.
  - Mokelumne Hill Fuels Reduction Project: D. Liechty reported Krisman will start April 1.
  - NW Calaveras Fuels Reduction Project – to be discussed in New Business.
  - Calaveras Unified School District Fuels Reduction & Demonstration Forest Project – no additional comments.

## SNC Grants Update:

2. Update on Current SNC Grants:

- SNC Pine Ridge Project – no additional comments.
- SNC Bummerville/Blizzard Mine Project: Surveyor made a sit visit.

**New Business:**

1. Approve Grant Applications – After T. Walley reviewed each grant, **B. Dean made a motion to approve T. Walley apply for these three grants. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed on 6/0/1 (absent) vote.**
2. Approve Selection Committee Contractor for NW Calaveras – **S. Hodson made a motion to approve selection of Mason, Bruce, Gerard. Second by B. Dean. Motion passed on 6/0/1 (absent).**
3. Formation of Prescribed Fire Ad Hoc Committee – M. Dvorak noted he would like a committee to do a 2-month study to determine if we want to start our own Prescribed Burn Association and report to the Board at the May meeting. J. Osbourn (as acting President) formed the ad hoc committee to include members – Mike Dvorak, Chair; Claire Rappaport; Gordon Long; Ben Cook; John Osbourn; Julia Marsili.

**Reports:**

1. Board Member announcements – B. Dean is working on a weed seminar to be held in June and open to the public. B. Cook noted that a flood plain restoration project needs logs. J. Osbourn will be attending the Central Sierra meeting at Orvis Ranch.
2. Staff announcements – E. D. report is attached. Also noted the Stanislaus River Watershed meeting is April 6<sup>th</sup>. M. Cole noted Form 700s are due and provided hard copies.

**ADJOURND open meeting at 7:00 pm**

**CLOSED SESSION opened at 7:11 pm**

**RE-OPENED the meeting at 8:28 pm**

1. Motion by B. Dean to give Executive Director authority to take actions as needed, seconded by J. Osborn. On a vote of 6/0/1, motion carried.
2. No action taken.

**Adjournment of meeting** – Motion to Adjourn: Y. Tiscornia, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Hodson - Adjourn at 8:31pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm.**

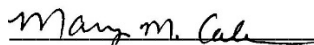
Attest:

Acting President, John Osbourn



Date 4/11/2024

Secretary, Mary Cole



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