

# Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

April 11, 2024

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by – J. Marsili-President @ 6:00 pm

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

**Board Members & Staff Absent:** M. Dvorak; K. Lambert; B. Cook-Assoc. Director

**Others Present:** Gary Whitson; Baljit Singh, Kaylee Dillashaw; Jennifer Wood

**Introductions:** Mr Singh from Calaveras County Office of Emergency Services

**Public Comment:** None.

## Reports:

1. CalFire, Gary Whitson – 14 grants have gone to the last round for review. May is expected for notice. He has hired a new assistant for the fieldwork – Aaron Whittle.
2. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ms. Wood – Report was attached.
3. Executive Director, Ms. Walley – Reviewed attached report.
4. Staff Reports – Ms. Simpson reported a person had placed a tent at the back door entrance. A sheriff deputy came by to review the situation and advise. They will increase patrol of the area. We will put a note on the tent to please vacate if the sheriff's office doesn't make contact with them first.

## Consent Agenda Items:

1. **B. Dean made a motion to approve the minutes and financials as submitted. Second by J. Osbourn. Motion passed on a 5/0/2 (absent) vote.**

## Old Business:

1. Updates on Current CalFire Grants in addition to attached report:
  - Forest Meadows/Wylderidge: D. Liechty noted they are waiting for the snow to melt.
  - Murphys to Forest Meadows Fuels Reduction project: project is complete. Final report is due Monday.
  - Highway 108 North Fuels Reduction Project: D. Liechty reported AERI will resume work April 22.
  - Fricot City Road Fuels Reduction Project: D. Liechty noted Nates will have West portion completed this month. Tanner has started East portion.
  - Mokelumne Hill Fuels Reduction Project: D. Liechty reported Krisman has started on the first 50 acres.

- NW Calaveras Fuels Reduction Project – collecting ROEs..
- Calaveras Unified School District Fuels Reduction & Demonstration Forest Project – CEQA has started, and reports are due this month.

**SNC Grants Update:**

1. Update on Current SNC Grants:
  - SNC Bummerville/Blizzard Mine Project: Stop work order is still in place. Still waiting on insurance decision. Cal Forestry is planning to return this month to work on their section.

**New Business:**

1. Policy Updates – After T. Walley reviewed each policy item a. – d., **J. Marsili made a motion to adopt updated policy revisions as proposed. Second by Y. Tiscornia. Motion passed on 5/0/5 (absent) vote.**

**Announcements:**

1. Board Member announcements – B. Dean is working on a weed seminar to be held in June and open to the public. J. Marsili thanked the staff for doing so well during the challenging times of the last several months.
2. Staff announcements – None.

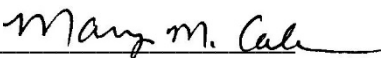
**Adjournment of meeting** – Adjourned at 7:01pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Julia Marsili 

Date 5/9/2024

Secretary, Mary Cole 

Date 5/9/2024