

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Board Meeting

November 1, 2018

Board of Supervisors Chambers

891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: Meeting opened by R. Dean-President @ 6:15 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman, R. Dean-President, K. Hafley, M. Robie, T. Sullivan-Vice President, G. Long – Executive Director, Mary Cole-Admin, Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant

Board Members & Staff Absent: F. Schabram-Treasurer N. Valente,

Others Present: Marg Donnelly, Jill Micheau, Pete Padelford, Bob Polakov, Bobette Parsons-NRCS

Pledge of Allegiance

General Public Comment: None

Regular Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 8/2/18 Minutes. Board Action – **S. Beckman made motion to approve, K. Hafley second. On a 5-0-2 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. B. Dean – Finance Reports reviewed. **K. Hafley made motion to approve, S. Beckman second. On a 4-0-3 vote, reports were approved.** G. Long requested more specificity on future reports.
3. RCD Partners – Ms Parsons reviewed her supplied report, noting in particular, the new Soil Survey is now available to the public.
4. PG&E Grant progress – The grant work was finished under budget and on time. Contractor was able to do an extra 7 acres. Pete Padelford was the onsite manager and Jason Noble was the contractor.
5. Discuss partnering with Community Development Block Grant – This grant works together with the County Depts. (Health & Human Service, Facilities Manager, Public Works.) It is a \$2.5M FEMA Grant to clear and replant in burn scar areas. Teri Cox is coordinating the grant. **T. Sullivan made a motion to approve moving forward with discussions. K. Hafley second. On a 5-0-2 vote, motion was approved.**
6. Discuss Board Room Repairs/Renovations – It needs a new breaker panel. Maybe call PG&E for a separate meter. G. Long will go on the roof to fill gaps.
7. Discuss being Lead Agency/Involvement of new CalFire CCI Fire Grants – P. Padelford reported deadline to apply is Dec 19. Fuel Reduction has a \$1M limit. Areas of work are Forest Meadows (2 phases), Murphys (3 phases). Costs have risen so projects had to be broken down into phases. CEQA needs to be done within the first phase. He also noted the County needs a CWPP because the existing one is not well done and is out-of-date.

M. Donnelly reported CWPP Study is the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Then B. Polakov is interested in working with a team on the Big Tress to Murphys and to Vallecito, as well as Hwy26.

K. Hafley made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-23 to assume the Lead on the CCI CalFire Grant. T. Sullivan second. On a 5-0-2 vote, motion was approved.

K. Hafley made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-24 to work on the CWPP Study Forest Health Grant. T. Sullivan second. On a 5-0-2 vote, motion was approved.

8. Board project leaders – The purpose being that each board member have engagement in the process. K. Hafley to work on Protection Plan in Jenny Lind area. B. Dean wants to work on water projects. T. Sullivan and K. Hafley to work together on the Fire Marshall issue.
9. Support for a Fire Marshall position – Discussion was to start with Fire Chiefs Assn. and JPA (Joint Powers Authority). Look for grants to fund the portion. T. Sullivan to will work with K. Hafley, M. Robie. **M. Robie made a motion to form an ad hoc committee to work on this issue. T. Sullivan second. On a 5-0-2 vote, motion was approved.**
10. Resolution 2018-22– **S. Beckman made motion to allow G. Long to sign agreements with CalFire as RESOLUTION #22. T. Sullivan second. On a 5-0-2 vote, was approved.**
11. Discussion on Strategic Planning process – S. Beckman distributed an outline for planning that started with input from the CCRCDD Planning Meeting notes of January 2018. After some discussion, he will flesh out the goals more for a starting point of our next planning Retreat.
12. Hiring Mary Cole as Documents Manager - **T. Sullivan made a motion to approve hiring M. Cole as Documents Manager. M. Robie second. On a 5-0-2 vote, motion was approved.**
13. SDRMA (Special Districts Risk Management Agency) Insurance – There is a \$2.5 M liability policy. We need to approve joining the JPA first. This was tabled to next month so everyone can read through all seven documents.
14. Board Member Announcements – B. Dean reported he and G. Long met with BLM’s new manager, botanist and fire manager and assistant manager. It was noted that Calaveras County is being underserved. The County has too much responsibility and not enough money. If we want their support we have to design projects that will be easy for them.
13. Staff Announcements – G. Long met with a CEQA expert for advise working with Amador Fire Safe Council to work on fire safe education programs.

M. Cole reported she had sent out the Audit RFP letters to 5 CPA companies. She reported on a phone call with Tahoe and DOC to discuss using up the grant money. They suggested having G. Long added with an addendum to the grant. She noted she had updated the website with the aqua reforestation workshop info, added the policies and agendas.

Adjournment of meeting. Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by T. Sullivan, 2nd by **M. Robie**. Motion carries on a 5-0-2 vote. Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 pm.

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

Attest:

President Robert Dean _____

Secretary _____