

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)
Board Meeting
July 13, 2017
Board of Supervisors Chambers
891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: Meeting opened by Vice President T. Sullivan @ 6:22 pm (It was a late start because we had to wait outside for doors to get unlocked.)

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

Board Members Absent: R. Dean-President,

Others Present: Kevin Wright-Ag Commissioner, Dave Eggerton-CCWD General Manager, Jason Linderman-NRCS on behalf of Bobette Parsons, Mike Williams-Calaveras County Trapper, M. Cole-minute taker

Pledge of Allegiance

General Public Comment: Jason Linderman reviewed Bobette Parsons' submitted USDA-NRCS Report of July 2017.

Regular Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes. Board Action – K. Hafley made motion to approve with one correction, G. Long second. On a 6-0-1 vote, minutes were approved as amended.
2. Ad hoc committees.
 - a) Water and Soil. M. Robie shared some before and after flood maps. Information only.
 - b) Nothing to report.
 - c) Nothing to report.
3. Periodic Status Report – Kevin Wright-Ag Commissioner introduced Mike Williams-Calaveras County Trapper who then reviewed his submitted USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Annual County Summary. He noted that numbers are down for various reasons such as better public safety education. Work his agency does involves responding to calls if an animal is in home or stalking a home; disease monitoring for rabies, distemper and mange. As well as testing the removed animal's DNA, and patrolling ranchland properties. He shared the permit process for removing an animal – Call the Ag Dept or Fish & Game to report damage. Permit is written, then they go out to remove the animal if the person cannot change the environment to discourage the animal from returning. Information only.
4. Continuing Discussion on obtaining Office Space from CCWD – Dave Eggerton spoke about the background of the property. When CCWD vacated, it was put on the market, but because of ADA issues, it didn't fit anyone's needs, so it didn't sell. CCWD has expressed an interest in supporting RCD. The Ag Dept. is interested in renting space in the building as their lease is coming due. He has drafted an agreement for a \$1 purchase price for our consideration. A

survey is being done, a lot-line was done, and he will present agreement in a few days. There will be a separate lease-back agreement for CCWD to store their files in one room until the end of the year. They currently pay \$425/mo. for utilities. They may pay this much for storage rental, but if we can lease out other parts to cover, they would like consideration for this. The timing for this transaction is based on bringing the agreements before the RCD August board meeting for approval/discussion, then it will go the CCWD August board meeting to finalize. Then we need to have the County do the repairs they initially agreed to. **Motion to continue review of agreement. Get in writing what the County will do to help. B. Dean is to contact Tim Lutz CAO to attend our next meeting.** Motion made by M. Robie, K. Hafley second. On a 6-0-1 vote, motion was approved.

5. a) - Discussion of 7.10.17 meeting – K. Hafley noted is was a good meeting. It put things into better focus. Figured out how to start the Fire Breaks in Murphys project. G. Long handed out a list of potential grants to be researched.
b) - We need to figure out how to work with Fire Safe Council (FSC) to get grant money. **Motion was made to have T. Sullivan contact FSC to form a working relationship.** Motion made by K. Hafley, F. Schabram second. On a 6-0-1 vote, motion was approved.
6. Tier 1 Accreditation Progression: Nothing to report. Tabled.
7. Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant writing workshop: Scheduled for Aug 2-3 is already full. Will try to schedule another in October. Information only.
8. Weed Management Grant: K. Wright says they have a small grant available for small property weed issues. Tabled.
9. Watershed Assessment Grant: Tabled.
10. Discussion to have Mary Cole take minutes, etc.: **Motion was made to hire M. Cole for clerical work.** Motion made by K. Hafley, T. Sullivan second. On a 6-0-1 vote, motion was approved.
11. Board Member Reports: Nothing to report. Information only.

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 @ 7:33 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, August 10, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Attest:

President Robert Dean _____

Secretary Gordon Long _____