

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

November 5, 2020

RCD In-Person & Virtual via GoToMeeting

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by S. Beckman-President @ 6:00 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman-President; R. Dean-Sec'y/Treas; K. Hafley; M. Robie; F. Schabram; G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant; Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: B. Dubois; N. Valente-VP

Others Present: Bobette Parson, NRCS; Jill Micheau; Katie Johnson, UCCE; Linda Frater, Realtor

Public Comment: None

Partners: Ms. Parsons reviewed her NRCS Report. K. Johnson of UCCE reported majority of staff is still working remotely, and some of their in-person programs have returned.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 10/5/20 Minutes. Board Action – **R. Dean made motion to approve, K. Hafley second. On a 5-0-2 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of October 2020 Finance Reports – **R. Dean made motion to approve, K. Hafley second. On a 5-0-2 vote, minutes were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Update on Projects:
 - a. Amador Calaveras Tuolumne Group – G. Long reported the projects that involve ACT are the programs being done within RCPP.
 - b. Regional Conservation Partnership Program – They currently have 27 projects in the works for the tree clearing.
 - c. Any New Projects – The PG&E project is ongoing and doing well. We are scheduled to receive approx. \$81,000 by November 30th. We keep 12% for cost expenses. The Cal Fire Murphys to Forest Meadows project -the original footprint has been flagged and next week additional acres will be flagged.. The CEQA request for proposal will go out be end of year.

CalFire is not planning to offer their forest health grants next year.

New Business:

2. Work Day – G. Long asked for volunteers for a work day on Nov. 7 to do the initial demo work needed on the board room. G. Long, K. Hafley, S. Beckman, J. Micheau volunteered. G. Long will send out an email notice to entire board.
3. Review of Common Ground Lease – K. Hafley proposed for discussion the idea of raising their rent to help cover their utilities. Discussed were the amounts of adding \$25/mo. to the rent plus \$100/mo. for the utilities, and also make them a month to month tenancy. Discussion was tabled until a decision about the dissolution of the building is made.

4. Disposition of the CC-RCD Building – S. Beckman first reviewed the options that came out of the last discussion on this topic. M. Robie reviewed his report on the costs of splitting the lot so that the main building could be sold, leaving us with the board room. Linda Frater, Realtor, said it would be okay to put it on the market with the contingency of the board room being split off later just to see if there is any interested buyer. **K. Hafley made motion to pursue the lot split and place the main building on the market, M. Robie second. On a 4-1-2 vote, motion was approved.** B. Dean suggests a complete plan be put together indicating all of the costs, who does what, and when everything will be done by. The initial investigation and reports by M. Robie and S. Beckman are a great start and much appreciated.

Reports:

- 5. Committee Reports – None.
- 6. Other Items for Consideration – K. Hafley questioned the agenda policy. S. Beckman suggests a short briefing paper to describe proper agenda procedure.
- 7. Board Member announcements – None.
- 8. Staff announcements –None.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:16 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, December 3, 2020** via in-person and GoToMeeting.com.

Attest:

President, Sid Beckman _____

Date _____

Secretary, Bob Dean _____

Date _____

Forest Partnership and Capacity Enhancement (Forest PACE) Program

Goal

To expand partnership and foster new collaborations between RCDs and local, regional, state, and federal partners to increase the pace of forest management and fire resilience projects in the central Sierra Nevada.

Who can participate

10 CDs in Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Tahoe Central Sierra Initiative+ region: Sierra Valley RCD, Nevada County RCD, Yuba County RCD, Placer County RCD, El Dorado Georgetown Divide RCDs, Amador County RCD, Calaveras County RCD, Tuolumne County RCD, Mariposa County RCD, Coarsegold RCD

What's included

CARCD Annual conference participation – November 2020

- One registration to the [2020 Virtual CARCD Conference](#).
- Stipend for up to 6 hours of staff time to attend and participate in conference content on forest and fire management.

Partnership and Skill Building workshops – January 2021 – December 2021

- Monthly workshops focused on partnership development, forestry project development, communications, program building, organizational development and human resources.
- Presenters include: CARCD, RCDs, California Special Districts Association, Solid Ground Consulting, Philanthropy U, and partner agencies and organizations.
- Monthly schedule varies, but includes a workshop, an individual worksheet, and a group call. Average 3.5 hours per month.
- Jan: Partnership Workshop pt 1; Feb: Partnership Workshop pt 2

Peer-to-peer mentoring program – February 2021 – December 2021

- Monthly peer-group calls to share forest management and partnership experience. 1 hr per month.

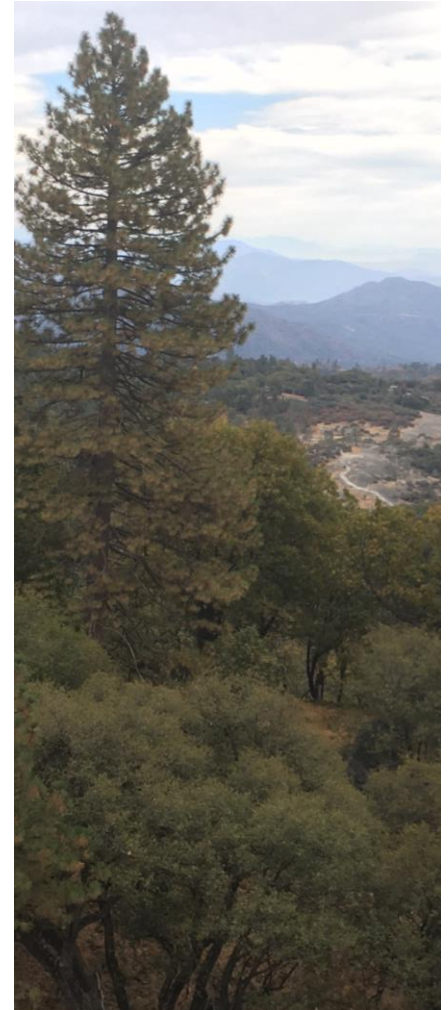
Monthly stipend – covers staff participation in all program elements (average 4.5 hours per month) for one staff member from each participating RCD. RCDs will invoice CARCD for reimbursement with a provided template.

How to Join

Contact kiko-barr@carcd.org or max-odland@carcd.org to participate in the Forest PACE program, or with any questions.



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ROBERTS RULES CHEAT SHEET

| To: | You say: | Interrupt Speaker | Second Needed | Debatable | Amendable | Vote Needed |
|--|--|-------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Adjourn | "I move that we adjourn" | No | Yes | No | No | Majority |
| Recess | "I move that we recess until..." | No | Yes | No | Yes | Majority |
| Complain about noise, room temp., etc. | "Point of privilege" | Yes | No | No | No | Chair Decides |
| Suspend further consideration of something | "I move that we table it" | No | Yes | No | No | Majority |
| End debate | "I move the previous question" | No | Yes | No | No | 2/3 |
| Postpone consideration of something | "I move we postpone this matter until..." | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| Amend a motion | "I move that this motion be amended by..." | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| Introduce business (a primary motion) | "I move that..." | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |

The above listed motions and points are listed in established order of precedence. When any one of them is pending, you may not introduce another that is listed below, but you may introduce another that is listed above it.

| To: | You say: | Interrupt Speaker | Second Needed | Debatable | Amendable | Vote Needed |
|--|---|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Object to procedure or personal affront | "Point of order" | Yes | No | No | No | Chair decides |
| Request information | "Point of information" | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| Ask for vote by actual count to verify voice vote | "I call for a division of the house" | Must be done before new motion | No | No | No | None unless someone objects |
| Object to considering some undiplomatic or improper matter | "I object to consideration of this question" | Yes | No | No | No | 2/3 |
| Take up matter previously tabled | "I move we take from the table..." | Yes | Yes | No | No | Majority |
| Reconsider something already disposed of | "I move we now (or later) reconsider our action relative to..." | Yes | Yes | Only if original motion was debatable | No | Majority |
| Consider something out of its scheduled order | "I move we suspend the rules and consider..." | No | Yes | No | No | 2/3 |
| Vote on a ruling by the Chair | "I appeal the Chair's decision" | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Majority |

The motions, points and proposals listed above have no established order of preference; any of them may be introduced at any time except when meeting is considering one of the top three matters listed from the first chart (Motion to Adjourn, Recess or Point of Privilege).

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING A MAIN MOTION

NOTE: Nothing goes to discussion without a motion being on the floor.

Obtaining and assigning the floor

A member raises hand when no one else has the floor

- The chair recognizes the member by name

How the Motion is Brought Before the Assembly

- The member makes the motion: *I move that (or "to") ...* and resumes his seat.
- Another member seconds the motion: *I second the motion* or *I second it* or *second*.
- The chair states the motion: *It is moved and seconded that ... Are you ready for the question?*

Consideration of the Motion

1. Members can debate the motion.
2. Before speaking in debate, members obtain the floor.
3. The maker of the motion has first right to the floor if he claims it properly
4. Debate must be confined to the merits of the motion.
5. Debate can be closed only by order of the assembly (2/3 vote) or by the chair if no one seeks the floor for further debate.

The chair puts the motion to a vote

1. The chair asks: *Are you ready for the question?* If no one rises to claim the floor, the chair proceeds to take the vote.
2. The chair says: *The question is on the adoption of the motion that ... As many as are in favor, say 'Aye'. (Pause for response.) Those opposed, say 'Nay'. (Pause for response.) Those abstained please say 'Aye'.*

The chair announces the result of the vote.

1. *The ayes have it, the motion carries, and ...* (indicating the effect of the vote) or
2. *The nays have it and the motion fails*

WHEN DEBATING YOUR MOTIONS

1. Listen to the other side
2. Focus on issues, not personalities
3. Avoid questioning motives
4. Be polite

HOW TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IN MEETINGS

MAIN MOTION

You want to propose a new idea or action for the group.

- After recognition, make a main motion.
- Member: "Madame Chairman, I move that _____."

AMENDING A MOTION

You want to change some of the wording that is being discussed.

- After recognition, "Madame Chairman, I move that the motion be amended by adding the following words _____."
- After recognition, "Madame Chairman, I move that the motion be amended by striking out the following words _____."
- After recognition, "Madame Chairman, I move that the motion be amended by striking out the following words, _____, and adding in their place the following words _____."

REFER TO A COMMITTEE

You feel that an idea or proposal being discussed needs more study and investigation.

- After recognition, "Madame Chairman, I move that the question be referred to a committee made up of members Smith, Jones and Brown."

POSTPONE DEFINITELY

You want the membership to have more time to consider the question under discussion and you want to postpone it to a definite time or day, and have it come up for further consideration.

- After recognition, "Madame Chairman, I move to postpone the question until _____."

PREVIOUS QUESTION

You think discussion has gone on for too long and you want to stop discussion and vote.

- After recognition, "Madam President, I move the previous question."

LIMIT DEBATE

You think discussion is getting long, but you want to give a reasonable length of time for consideration of the question.

- After recognition, "Madam President, I move to limit discussion to two minutes per speaker."

POSTPONE INDEFINITELY

You want to kill a motion that is being discussed.

- After recognition, "Madam Moderator, I move to postpone the question indefinitely."

POSTPONE INDEFINITELY

You are against a motion just proposed and want to learn who is for and who is against the motion.

- After recognition, "Madame President, I move to postpone the motion indefinitely."

RECESS

You want to take a break for a while.

- After recognition, "Madame Moderator, I move to recess for ten minutes."

ADJOURNMENT

You want the meeting to end.

- After recognition, "Madame Chairman, I move to adjourn."

PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW A MOTION

You have made a motion and after discussion, are sorry you made it.

- After recognition, "Madam President, I ask permission to withdraw my motion."

CALL FOR ORDERS OF THE DAY

At the beginning of the meeting, the agenda was adopted. The chairman is not following the order of the approved agenda.

- Without recognition, "Call for orders of the day."

SUSPENDING THE RULES

The agenda has been approved and as the meeting progressed, it became obvious that an item you are interested in will not come up before adjournment.

- After recognition, "Madam Chairman, I move to suspend the rules and move item 5 to position 2."

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The noise outside the meeting has become so great that you are having trouble hearing.

- Without recognition, "Point of personal privilege."
- Chairman: "State your point."
- Member: "There is too much noise, I can't hear."

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

You are going to propose a question that is likely to be controversial and you feel that some of the members will try to kill it by various maneuvers. Also you want to keep out visitors and the press.

- After recognition, "Madame Chairman, I move that we go into a committee of the whole."

POINT OF ORDER

It is obvious that the meeting is not following proper rules.

- Without recognition, "I rise to a point of order," or "Point of order."

POINT OF INFORMATION

You are wondering about some of the facts under discussion, such as the balance in the treasury when expenditures are being discussed.

- Without recognition, "Point of information."

POINT OF PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

You are confused about some of the parliamentary rules.

- Without recognition, "Point of parliamentary inquiry."

APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR

Without recognition, "I appeal from the decision of the chair."

Rule Classification and Requirements

| Class of Rule | Requirements to Adopt | Requirements to Suspend |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Charter | Adopted by majority vote or as proved by law or governing authority | Cannot be suspended |
| Bylaws | Adopted by membership | Cannot be suspended |
| Special Rules of Order | Previous notice & 2/3 vote, or a majority of entire membership | 2/3 Vote |
| Standing Rules | Majority vote | Can be suspended for session by majority vote during a meeting |
| Modified Roberts Rules of Order | Adopted in bylaws | 2/3 vote |