

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 22, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Placer County Resource Conservation District (District /RCD) Board was called to order by RCD Chair Claudia Smith at 4:02 p.m. at a Zoom online meeting.

**MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT**

Directors Present: Claudia Smith  
Thomas (Tom) Wehri  
Stephen (Steve) Jones  
Kristin Lantz  
Cathy Johnson  
Patricia (Patti) Beard  
Christine Johnson

Others Present: Sarah Jones, RCD Executive Director  
Kate Espinola, RCD Employee  
Allison Erny, RCD Employee  
Cordi Craig, RCD Employee  
Andrew Fritz, RCD Employee  
Tony Quatela, RCD Employee  
Brian Pimentel, Grizzly Corp Fellow  
Chris Robbins, District Conservationist, NRCS  
Clayton Cook, Placer County Legal Counsel  
Michael Garabedian, Member of the Public  
Tim ???, Pathways Intern for NRCS

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Tom Wehri moved to approve the agenda, Cathy Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Steve Jones, Kristin Lantz, Cathy Johnson, Patti Beard and Christine Johnson)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Garabedian, resident of Lincoln expressed he would like to discuss the Placer County Conservation plan with the District.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Cathy Johnson moved to approve the meeting minutes from the regular Board meeting held on May 25, 2021, with the correction on Item G to include approved with updated dates. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Steve Jones, Kristin Lantz, Cathy Johnson, Patti Beard, and Christine Johnson)

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Sarah Jones presented the May 2021 financial reports. The office expenses are over budget due to the increase of staff and the need for more supplies and computers. The District switched phone service providers and will save money each month. Tom Wehri asked if we should include a higher cyber security program to our next budget. Sarah will talk with the District's IT contractor. Patti Beard asked about getting a truck for the District staff. Sarah replied that she would like to add a vehicle to next year's budget. The Board accepted the financials as presented.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Steve Jones, Kristin Lantz, Cathy Johnson, and Patti Beard)

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **NRCS REPORT**

Chris Robbins, District Conservationist for the NRCS Auburn Field Office introduced the new Pathways Intern who is working in the Auburn office as a Soil Conservationist. Chris announced the last batching period of the Federal Fiscal year has ended. Chris has heard that less than half of the RCPP applications were selected. They are still waiting to hear about the other practices. Chris announced he presented to the Ag Commission about the CIS Program. NRCS and RCD are having a joint staff meeting next week. NRCS would like to coordinate another Working Group meeting by the end of Summer.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **New Business:**

##### **a) Brown Act Training**

Clayton Cook, Placer County Legal Counsel presented the ground rules of the Brown Act.

Public comment: None.

##### **b) Request for Proposal, Placer County Coordinated Fuel Break Phase II**

Allison Erny presented the revised RFP which included making some mastication areas optional. All dates in the RFP are final dates. Cathy Johnson moved to approved the revised Placer County Coordinated Fuel Break Phase II request for proposal. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public comment: None.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Steve Jones, Christine Johnson, Kristin Lantz, Cathy Johnson, and Patti Beard)

## **Old Business:**

### **STAFF REPORTS**

District staff provided a written update of recent activities and project updates in the board packet.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE/LIASON REPORTS**

Claudia Smith reported, the Executive committee did meet, and that report will be given during closed session.

### **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Steve Jones reported the Sacramento Tahoe Regional Foresters met. Allison Erny and Chris Paulus gave a great presentation on the fuel breaks.

Sarah Jones presented at the Placer County Water Agency. Sarah presented a great overview of the district's projects, Board, staff and financials. Claudia Smith attended.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Future agenda items to include – Placer County Conservation Plan Presentation, by Michael Garabedian at the August Board meeting.

July Board meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup> at Patti Beard's Ranch. There will be a short meeting then a project tour then the meeting will be adjourned. Dinner will be served.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm. Tom Wehri moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021, details to follow.