

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 26, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Placer County Resource Conservation District (District /RCD) Board was called to order by RCD Board Chair Claudia Smith 4:01 p.m. in the conference room at 281 Nevada Street in Auburn.

**MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Directors Absent:

Others Present: Sarah Jones, RCD Executive Director  
Kate Espinola, RCD Employee  
Andrew Fritz, RCD Employee  
Raichel Vierra, RCD Employee  
Lewis Campbell, RCD Employee  
Karen Buhr

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Tom Wehri moved to approve the agenda. Patty Beard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

During public comment, the board did a roundtable of introductions. Claudia Smith introduced Lewis Campbell, new Forestry Project Coordinator. Lewis gave a brief background on his education and forestry experience. Sarah Jones introduced Raichel Vierra, new Outreach and Program Specialist. Raichel gave a brief background on her education and career.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Kristin Lantz moved to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on March 22, 2022. Cathy Johnson seconded, and the motion passes unanimously.

Kristin Lantz moved to approve the meeting minutes from the Special Board meeting held on April 7, 2022. Tom Wehri seconded, and the motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstention.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Sarah Jones presented the revised January 2022 financial report. Cathy Johnson moved to approve the revised January 2022 financials. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Jones presented the February 2022 financial report. Kristin Lantz moved to approve the February 2022 financial reports. Cathy Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **NRCS REPORT**

No report was given.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **New Business:**

**a) Resolution 22-09, Reauthorizing Remote Meetings**

Claudia Smith presented the information for Resolution 22-09 to allow virtual board meetings according to AB361.

Tom Wehri moved to approve Resolution 22-09 as presented. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

**b) Staff Presentation**

Andrew Fritz presented information on the Ag and Community Programs. He gave an overview of the program and gave a demo of the District's new website.

**c) Placer County Resource Conservation District (PRCD) Injury & Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)**

Claudia Smith presented the updates to the IIPP. There was a role change and an update to the covid protocol. Kristin Lantz moved to adopt the amended Injury and Illness Prevention Program. Christine Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**d) District Truck(s) Purchase**

Placer County offered the district to purchase two trucks for the Chipper Program through their fleet program. Sarah Jones will provide details requested at the next meeting. Tom Wehri moved to approve the purchase of two new trucks through the Placer County Fleet program. Cathy Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**e) Special District Nomination of Representative to the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)**

Claudia Smith presented the information regarding LAFCO's responsibilities. There were no nominations given.

**f) Placer County Resource Conservation District Equipment Rental Revenue**

The board discussed policy development for the use of the funds obtained through the District equipment rental contracts. The Board would like to have the future Financial Manager review the cost analysis. This item was tabled.

**g) Legislation Update**

Karen Buhr, Executive Director with California Association of Resource Conservation Districts provided the Board with details regarding AB 1902, changes to Division 9. Tom Wehri moved to support AB 1902 and sign on to the Big Letter. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Regular meeting suspended at 6:05 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session was entered at 6:06 pm.

- a. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.8 and 54954.5  
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Property: 281 Nevada Street, Auburn, CA, 95603  
Agency negotiator: Sarah Jones  
Negotiating parties: Placer County Transportation Planning Agency  
Under negotiation: Lease terms*

The board gave direction to Sarah Jones on the above topic.

Closed Session ended at 6:37 pm.

**Old Business:**

**STAFF REPORTS**

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

**DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Claudia Smith said, great job with the Urban Ag program. She would like us to reach out to schools.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Future agenda items to include – An update on the lease, How NRCS feels about Division 9 changes, spring BBQ final planning, Board training, and board member succession.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. Kirstin Lantz moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Patti Beard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2022, from, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the RCD office conference room.