

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 27, 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 4:00 p.m. on a Zoom online meeting.

MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT

Directors Present: Claudia Smith
Christine Johnson
Thomas (Tom) Wehri
Stephen (Steve) Jones

Director Absent: Patricia (Patti) Beard

Others Present: Sarah Jones, RCD Executive Director
Kate Espinola, RCD Employee
Allison Erny, RCD Employee
Cordi Craig, RCD Employee
George Alves, RCD Employee
Andrew Fritz, RCD Employee
Tony Quatela, RCD Employee
Brian Pimentel, Grizzly Corp Fellow
Chris Robbins, District Conservationist, NRCS
Michael Shimizu – RCD Bookkeeping Contractor
Kristin Lantz – Newly appointed Board Member
Cathy Johnson – Newly appointed Board Member

ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTIONS

Board, Staff and Guest provided a brief introduction to the newly appointed Board Members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Steve Jones moved to approve the agenda, Tom Wehri seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones, and Tom Wehri)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment made.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Tom Wehri moved to approve the meeting minutes from the regular Board meeting held on March 23, 2021. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Minutes from the Special Meeting held on February 11, 2021 was table until the next meeting.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones, and Tom Wehri)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Sarah Jones presented the March 2021 financial reports. The fixed assets were added to the reports, our new equipment will be added next month. The Mechanics Bank account was also added to the reports. The Board accepted the financials as presented.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones, and Tom Wehri)

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS REPORT

Chris Robbins, District Conservationist for the NRCS Auburn Field Office provided a brief introduction of his office staff and the background of the partnership between NRCS and Placer RCD. Chris reported that 12 applicants were obligated in the last batching period. The next Batch period is June 9th.

BUSINESS

New Business:

a) Welcomes and Introductions

Board Members, Staff and Guests previously introduced themselves. Sarah Jones presented the Director Binders, which is currently being created and will be available for pick up soon.

b) Oath of Office

Sarah Jones gave the Oath of Office to Kristin Lantz and Cathy Johnson.

c) CEQA Notice of Exemption, Auburn Shaded Fuel Break – Northern Extension

Allison Erny announced she refiled the NOE because the boundaries were revised. Tom Wehri moved to accept the CEQA NOE for the Auburn Shaded Fuel Break Northern Extension. Christine Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

d) Social Media Memo

Andrew Fritz presented the Social Media memo which requests increasing bandwidth and audiences including other social media platforms. No Action was taken.

e) Social Media Policy and Disclaimer

Sarah Jones presented the social media policy and disclaimer. Christine Johnson moved to approve the social media policy and disclaimer. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

f) Resolution 21-03, Approval of CALFIRE Grant Application #20-FPNEU-0216

Sarah Jones presented Resolution 21-03 to the Board. In order to apply for Cal Fire grants, Cal Fire requires an approved resolution from the Board. Tom Wehri moved to approve Resolution 21-03. Christine Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

g) Auburn Shaded Fuel Break and Placer County Coordinated Fuel Break Phase 1 Update

Allison Erny presented a map of the footprint of the Auburn Shaded Fuel Break Project. Phase 1 is complete up to the Foresthill Bridge. Phase 2 will be completed under budget so Red Mountain Resource will continue to chip piles. Phase 3 is on private land and Cordi Craig has been helping write the Request for Proposal. Work will begin on the Placer County Coordinated Fuel Break Phase 1 project in early May.

Old Business:

STAFF REPORTS

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

BOARD COMMITTEE/LIASON REPORTS

No report given.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Tom Wehri reported the SCRMC Board approved contract to work with Placer County.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items to include – February Special Board Meeting Minutes approval

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm. Steve Jones moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Christine Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on a Zoom online meeting call, details to follow.