

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Placer County Resource Conservation District (District /RCD) Board was called to order by RCD Treasurer/Director Stephen Jones at 4:03 p.m. at a Zoom online meeting.

**MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Directors Absent: Claudia Smith  
Christine Johnson

Others Present: Sarah Jones, RCD Executive Director  
Kate Espinola, RCD Employee  
Chris Robbins, NRCS Auburn Area, District Conservationist  
Brian Pimentel, RCD Employee

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was revised with the following revisions: Removed verbiage from item a, of agenda description *“proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency declared on March 4, 2020 by Governor Newsom in Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20 and”*

The description was amended to: *The Board will review and possibly act to adopt Resolution 21-04 authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the Placer Resource Conservation District for the period of September 28, 2021 through October 28, 2021 pursuant to the Brown Act Provisions.*

Tom Wehri moved to approve the agenda with changes as mentioned. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment given.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Approval for meeting minutes from the July 22, 2021, meeting, was tabled for next meeting.

Tom Wehri moved to approve the meeting minutes from the regular Board meeting held on August 24, 2021. Cathy Johnson seconded, and the motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention.

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

Tom Wehri moved to approve the meeting minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on August 20, 2021. Patti Beard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

(Roll Call: Tom Wehri, Steve Jones, and Patti Beard)

Kristin Lantz moved to approve the meeting minutes from the special Board meeting held on September 2, 2021. Cathy Johnson seconded, and the motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention.

(Roll Call: Patti Beard, Cathy Johnson, Steve Jones, and Kristin Lantz)

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Sarah Jones presented the August 2021 financial reports. Sarah mentioned we are still waiting on the end of fiscal year accounts receivable to come in. The Board accepted the August financial reports as presented.

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

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **NRCS REPORT**

Chris Robbins, District Conservationist for the NRCS Auburn Field Office gave a brief report for NRCS. The end of the NRCS fiscal year is at the end of September. Chris reported that there should be an increase in next year's budget, which means more opportunities for funding. Chris mentioned he would like to host a local working group by the end of the year.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **New Business:**

##### **a) Resolution 21-04**

Sarah Jones presented the resolution which will allow the board to continue to meet remotely and to exempt the District from the Brown Act requirement to post each location where the virtual meeting is being held. Each month this resolution will be reevaluated. Tom Wehri moved to approve Resolution 21-04. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passes unanimously.

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

**b) Strategic Planning Retreat Discussion**

Sarah Jones and the Board discussed the options and date range for the Strategic Planning Retreat. The Board agreed to meet in person for a one-day retreat. Sarah will email the Board and Staff as details are confirmed.  
(Roll Call: Tom Wehri, Cathy Johnson, Steve Jones, Patti Beard, and Kristin Lantz)

**c) Agriculture Programs Update**

Brian Pimentel gave a presentation of the District's Agriculture programs which include:

- Landowner Technical Assistance
- Pollinator Hedgerows
- Urban Ag Conservation
- Carbon Farming Initiative
- CDFA Healthy Soils Program Technical Assistance.

**Old Business:**

**STAFF REPORTS**

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

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee reports.

**DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Steve Jones reported that he has decided not to reapply to the CARCD Forestry Committee.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Future agenda items to include – Approval of July 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes, NRCS Civil Rights Training, Discussion on combining November and December Board meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm. Tom Wehri moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2021, details to follow.