

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
June 28,2022**

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 4:00 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

Directors Absent: Christine Johnson

Others Present: Sarah Jones, RCD Executive Director
Kate Espinola, RCD Employee
Allison Erny, RCD Employee
Lewis Campbell, RCD Employee
Donna Thomassen, guest

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

CLOSED SESSION

The board discussed an issue pertaining to GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of
Section 54956.9: One Case

A Motion passed with 5 ayes and one abstention.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Tom Wehri moved to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on April 26, 2022. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passes unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Sarah Jones presented the March 2022 financial report. Revenue is down however 4th Quarter Invoicing will be submitted in July. Patti Beard moved to approve the March 2022 financials. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Jones presented the April 2022 financial report. The District received an advanced payment of \$520,000.00 for the North Fork Phase 2 project. Patti Beard moved to approve the March 2022 financials. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS REPORT

No report was given.

BUSINESS

New Business:

a) Resolution 22-10, Reauthorizing Remote Meetings

Claudia Smith presented the information for Resolution 22-10 to allow virtual board meetings according to AB361.

Kristin Lantz moved to approve Resolution 22-10 as presented. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with 6 ayes.

b) Employee Acknowledgement

Sarah Jones presented employee acknowledgment for Kate Espinola for 3 years and Allison Erny for 2 years with the District.

c) Grants and Contracts Update

Sarah Jones presented grants and contracts updates:

- USFWS \$50,000
- Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation \$10,000
- CalFire Mentorship Program - \$250,000
- Placer County Probation Chipper Program - \$700,000/2years
- A concept proposal is being developed to submit to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for fuels reduction and maintenance on the Auburn Shaded Fuel Break

d) Staff Presentation

Allison Erny presented on the Forestry and Natural Resources Career Mentorship Program. It is a 3-year program that partners college students with mentors in the forestry field to support students with their career paths.

e) Notice of Exemption -North Fork American River Shaded Fuel Break Phase 2, Placer Land Trust Acreage

Lewis Campbell presented the details of the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for Placer Land Trust Acreage. Kristin Lantz moved to approve the Notice of Exemption for the Placer Land Trust acreage as presented. Steve Jones second and the motion passed unanimously.

f) Board Roles and Responsibility Refresher

Claudia Smith provided the Board with a refresher regarding board roles & responsibilities, meeting etiquette and Brown Act requirements.

Old Business:

STAFF REPORTS

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

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Kristin Lantz mentioned the RCD Project tracker. Kristin asked if our District has been involved in those discussions? Sarah Jones answered no, but she would like to look into it.

Patti Beard attended the Ag Commissioner meeting, which they stated that Placer and Nevada County are looking good on water storage.

Steve Jones requested an update on new office space. Sarah Jones mentioned she is still looking.

Tom Wehri attending a Conservation Planning meeting and brought back educational material to share with the staff.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items to include – An update on Closed Session topic and Financial Committee Update

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm. Tom Wehri moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 26, from, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the RCD office conference room.