

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 31, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Placer County Resource Conservation District (District /RCD) Board was called to order by RCD Board Chair Claudia Smith, at 4:02 pm in the 2nd floor conference room at 11641 Blocker Drive in Auburn, CA.

MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT

Directors Present: Claudia Smith
Jonathan (Jon) Jue
Thomas (Tom) Wehri
Kristin Lantz
Patricia (Patti) Beard

Directors Absent: Stephen (Steve) Jones
Cathy Johnson

Others Present: Sarah Jones, RCD Executive Director
Donna Thomassen, RCD Employee
Kate Espinola, RCD Employee
Scott Stephenson, RCD Employee
Brett Holt, Placer County Counsel (Closed Session)
John Fisk, Baron & Budd (Closed Session)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tom Wehri moved to approve the agenda. Jon Jue seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

MEETING MINUTES

Claudia Smith requested to change the 4-H leaders' pronoun in the Directors Comments. Tom Wehri moved to approve the amended meeting minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on July 25, 2023. Patti Beard seconded, and the motion passed with 3 ayes and 2 abstained.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Donna Thomassen presented the financial reports for July 2023 and the FY23 Budget vs Actuals. It was disclosed the monthly reports are subject to change due to any adjusting

journal entries that may affect the period of reporting. Kristin Lantz moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Jon Jue seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION FOR NEW EMPLOYEE

The board introduced themselves to the district's new Forestry Director, Scott Stephenson. Scott provided a brief background of his experience.

BUSINESS

New Business:

a) Alternative Work Schedule: Chipper Crew

The Chipper Program crew is currently working a flexible work schedule. Sarah Jones recommends a permanent 4/10 work schedule for Chipper Program staff. Tom Wehri moved to approve making the Chipper Crew permanent schedule 4 days, 10 hours. Jon Jue seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

b) Fleet Vehicle Purchase

Scott Stephenson proposed the purchase of a forestry department truck. The truck would be paid for by the CalFire Forest Health Grant and would be used for site and project visits. Kristin Lantz moved to approve a truck for the forestry department paid for by the CalFire grant. Tom Wehri seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The board previously approved 2 truck purchases through the County for the Chipper program but there have been many delays. The program is in desperate need for these additional trucks. There is currently a truck at a dealership that the district will purchase. There is a price difference of \$8,000.00+/- . Information only.

c) Forestry Technical Advisor – New Position and Job Description

Chris Paulus will be hired as a part-time Forestry Technical Advisor. Chris will work no more than 960 hours in a year. Jon Jue moved to approve the new position and job description. Tom Wehri seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Entered Closed Session at 4:36pm.

CLOSED SESSION

Claudia Smith proposed to move item b before item a. Patti Beard moved to switch item b before item a. Tom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- a. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.8 and 54954.5
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: 2120 B Building, 11545 D. Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603
Agency negotiator: Sarah Jones, Donna Thomassen- Placer County
Resource Conservation District
Negotiating parties: County of Placer
Under negotiation: Lease terms*

a) Report out: The board directed the Executive Director to continue negotiations with terms.

*b. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION
Decision whether to initiate litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of
subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One Case*

b) Report out: The board directed the Executive Director to retain Baron & Budd and initiate litigation.

Closed Session ended at 5:58 pm.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Jon Jue gave thanks to Cordi Craig and Chris Paulus for the tour of the North Fork project.

Tom Wehri went to the NACD Regional meeting in Tahoe.

Claudia Smith announced there will be another Special meeting in two weeks. Claudia also reminded everyone to attend meetings regularly.

Sarah Jones will schedule a finance committee meeting to review the draft FY24 budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include a CARCD representative.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm. Kristin Lantz moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Jon Jue seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at 11641 Blocker Drive, Auburn.