

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 26, 2024**

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, at 4:00 pm in the second-floor conference room at 11641 Blocker Drive in Auburn, CA.

MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT

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

Others Present: Sarah Jones, RCD Executive Director
Donna Thomassen, RCD Employee
Kate Espinola, RCD Employee
Scott Stephenson, RCD Employee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Tom Wehri moved to approve the meeting minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on February 13, 2024. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed with 2 ayes and 1 abstention.

Kristin Lantz moved to approve the amended meeting minutes from the regular meeting held on February 27, 2024. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed with 5 ayes and 2 abstentions. Corrections suggested in item f) add space between each and other, also in Director's Reports to correct the spelling of aid.

Tom Wehri moved to approve the meeting minutes from the special meeting held on March 4, 2024. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 abstention.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Donna Thomassen presented the February 2024 financial reports. It was disclosed that the monthly reports are subject to change due to any adjusting journal entries that may affect the period of reporting. It was reported that with the FY23 audit complete, per the District's Reserve Policy, the audited net income for Chipper Cost Share (\$87,281.36), will be added to the assigned ending fund balance account. Jon Jue moved to accept financials as presented. Cathy Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENCY REPORTS

No report given.

BUSINESS

New Business:

a) Employee Acknowledgements

The board recognized Brandi Calderon for 2 years of employment at the district. Discussion only.

b) Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Selection of a Special District Representative and Alternate

Tom Wehri moved to vote to elect Josh Alpine as the LAFCO Special District Representative and William Kahrl and Teresa Ryland as the alternates. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed with 5 ayes and 2 abstentions.

c) California Association of Resource Conservation District (CARCD) election

Patti Beard moved to vote to elect Peter Van Dyke as Vice President and Harold Singer as Secretary-Treasurer of the CARCD Board of Directors. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

d) Resolution 24-01, FSC Community RX Burning, Prescribed Burning on Private Lands

Jon Jue moved to adopt Resolution 24-01 to enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the "FSC Community RX Burning, Prescribed Burning on Private Lands" project. Cathy Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

e) Forestry Update

Forestry Director, Scott Stephenson provided a quarterly update on forestry projects. Discussion only.

f) Grants and Project Update

Sarah Jones provided the board an update on current/future grants and projects. It was mentioned that Sarah Jones met with Andrew Sisk, Placer County Auditor-Controller, to arrange for a possible negative cash balance due to the cash needed for work being performed on the North Fork Shaded Fuel Break Phase 2. Probation Chipper program contract was moved to Placer County Office of Emergency Services (OES). Sarah will meet with OES to negotiate a new contract amount.

The Chipper Program promo was successful. They received 311 requests for service during the promo. To date, 216 have been served, and only 79 requests are pending from the promo. Discussion only.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Jon Jue attended the CARCD Regional meeting at Orvis Ranch.

Claudia Smith also attended the CARCD Regional meeting and met CARCD's new Director, Nancy Wahl-Scheurich.

Sarah Jones mentioned Placer RCD was given a round of applause for the coordination of the HSP Block Grant.

Claudia Smith reviewed the board training requirements and terms.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items: Summer BBQ.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm. Tom Wehri moved to adjourn the Regular meeting. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The next Regular meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at 11641 Blocker Drive, Auburn.