

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
April 23, 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
Patricia (Patti) Beard
Kristin Lantz
Jonathan (Jon) Jue
Thomas (Tom) Wehri

Others Present: Sarah Jones, RCD Executive Director
Donna Thomassen, RCD Employee
Kate Espinola, RCD Employee
Chris Robbins, NRCS District Conservationist
Steve Jones, Director, attending as guest
Nancy Wahl-Scheurich, CARCD, Executive Director
Heather Bernikoff, CARCD Employee
Diana Gamzon, Nevada County Cannabis Alliance Executive Director
Maggie Phillips Ford, Nevada County Cannabis Alliance Employee
John Fiske, Baron and Budd
Ed Diab, Baron and Budd

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tom Wehri moved to approve the amended agenda. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The agenda was amended to move item “a” after Agency Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

AGENCY REPORT

Chris Robbins, District Conservationist for the NRCS Auburn Field Office reported his office has 29 new contracts. Also, two new Aces employees were hired and will assist with site visits.

a) Presentation: Nevada County Cannabis Alliance

Nancy Wahl-Scheurich provided a background of cannabis programs in the local area and introduced Diana and Maggie from the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance. Diana presented a short video followed by a brief discussion.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Kristin Lantz moved to approve the meeting minutes from the regular meeting held on March 26, 2024. Patti Beard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Donna Thomassen presented the March 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. Third quarter invoicing is currently being processed. Tom Wehri moved to accept financials as presented. Jon Jue seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

New Business:

b) Employee Acknowledgements

The board recognized Lewis Campbell for 2 years of employment with the district. Discussion only.

c) Forestry Project Manager – Job Description Update

Sarah Jones explained the updates on the job description which include salary range, position reports to Scott, and updated language in working conditions. Tom Wehri moved to approve the Forestry Project Manager job description. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

d) State of California Early Action Budget Freeze

Sarah Jones provided information to the board regarding the State of California early action budget freeze. Discussion only.

e) Resolution 24-02: Termination of the Sierra Central Resource Management Council

Tom Wehri moved to approve Resolution 24-02 to terminate the Sierra Central Resource Management Council. Patti Beard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

f) Placer Resource Conservation District Board Vacancies

Claudia Smith provided information regarding board term expirations and vacancies. Discussion only.

g) Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Placer County Resource Conservation District

The bylaws were updated to reflect board meeting attendance rules and regulations. It was suggested to clarify and define what a board meeting is. Jon

Jue moved to approve the amended bylaws. Kristin Lantz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Regular meeting ended to enter closed session at 5:20 pm

GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

1. Existing Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)):

(a) El Dorado County, et al. v. PG&E Corporation, a California Corporation, et al.

San Francisco County Superior Court Case No: CGC-23-604087

Closed session ended at 5:47 pm

a) Report out: Discussion on existing litigation for the Mosquito Fire. Discussion only.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Kristin Lantz reported plants are available for local projects. Staff should contact her.

Patti Beard provided an update on NID damaged canal.

Claudia Smith reported the Forestry Tour is on May 29th from 8 am – 3pm starting in Applegate.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items: None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm. Kristin Lantz moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Tom Wehri seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at 11641 Blocker Drive, Auburn.