



MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order: 4:15pm

A. Director Roll Call

Alan Fry, Blair Duncan, Ted Kimbler, Steve Haze, Faith McClure, John Heywood, Nick Wobbrock, Jae Lee, Matt Hurley, Pete Lassotovitch, Kate Wilcox. Attendance was virtual on MS Teams.

B. Introduction of Guests

Directors: Alan Fry, Pete Lassotovitch, Ted Kimbler

Staff Present: Steve Haze, Justin Morgan, Blair Duncan, Faith McClure, Kate Wilcox

Guests: Jae Lee (NRCS), John Shelton (SJRC), Matt Hurley (TRCD), Nick Wobbrock (Blue Forest Conservation), John Heywood (IP Funding Advisors, People Food and Land Foundation)

II. Approval of Minutes for January 2021 Board Meeting

III. Public Comment for any item not on the agenda (No action can be taken)

No comments.

IV. SRCD Board Action Items and Discussion Topics:

A. Introduction Justin Morgan- ag & rangeland programs-sweep & rccp (i)

Ian Ashby (SRCD) was introduced for a forestry field assistant position as well.

B. REEP and Proton Power MCA an M-NDA (I)(A) Alan made a motion to approve: Ted Kimbler seconded the motion. All directors present in favor of the motion.

C. Cal-OES/FEMA sessions and HMGP \$9.75M max – 5/1 due date (I)

Steve (SRCD) is getting feedback that many property owners are planning to sell property since insurance is not cover replacement costs.

D. Phase 2 Highway 168 Community FireSafe and Stewardship Program (I) Staff

Blair (SRCD) reported Alder Springs Work day- 60 volunteers quarter mile of a creek cleared from debris, straw waddles and straw spread. Good feedback from property owners and successful work day. Post fire PARS completed. Another work day planned for 04/18/2021

E. Creek Fire Recovery – Community Volunteer workdays – Peterson Rd (I)

F. Kings-Sequoia Gateway Communities FireSafe & Stewardship Prgm w/OTFSC (I) Staff

G. CARCD / NRCS Tree Mortality, NRCS Post-Disaster TA & MOA (I) Jae Lee DC / Staff / DM

Jae (NRCS) did not have anything to report. Blair (SRCD) reported that there are potential clients that live in 180 corridor. Jae says most property owns will fall into EQIUP program qualifications.



- H. DOC – Southern Sierra Forest Health Watershed Program – thru 2/2022 (I) DM / WSC-B / TBWP**
Steve (SRCD) resubmitted revised budget work plan to work until Feb 2021, Matt Hurley (TRCD) reported Tulare basin partnership is continuing to grow with the end goal of putting together a collaboration of donors to aid with recovering the watershed. Steve added Kate (SRCD) into budget so she will be able to work with partners on this project.
- I. Southern Sierra IRWM Grants – Community Water Systems & Meadows (I) DM / District Admin**
SRCD received the agreement with Cold Springs Rancheria for cultural prescribed burning. Deadline is may 2021 due covid-19
- J. Dinkey Collaborative – Staff, Com Planning & Socioeconomic WG (I) DM/Develop Advisor/Staff**
No report
- K. Tree Mortality Crisis and Biomass Resource Management Development**
 - 1) Biomass Utilization under USFS-R5 / SNF / SNC Interagency MOU (I) DM / Development Advisor**
 - 2) CAL FIRE CCI Forest Health – Blue Rush & Hugger – COVID19 extension (I) DM / District Admin**
 - 3) Auberry Mill Site – SNC CUP grant – 1 year extension thru 12/31 (I) DM / DA / Tech Partner**
 - 4) CalRecycle / Cal-OES and Assigned Contractors (I) District Manager**
Steve (SRCD) and contractor went out to a site with potential. Matt Allen (LTO) unable to work at this time, but CAL-RECYLCE AND CALOES contractor approved to work with us.
 - 5) CARCD / Carbon Cycle Institute – Grand Bluffs FCP & Potential Sale (I) District Manager**
Justin (SRCD) met Carbon Cycle institute for the first time.
- L. Announcement of Funding Awards (I) 1) CFSC -Listos – Trailer and Tools (I) Staff**
Kelly and Blair (SRCD) submitted tools list on 3/1/2021
- M. CARCD/CDFA SWEEP & NRCS/AFT Healthy Soils for diverse small growers (I) DM / A&RPM**
- N. CARCD – LAFCo SOI & Annex. – KRCD & MOU – Watershed Coordinator (I) District Manager**
- O. Web Site & District Enterprise Operations Development & support (I) District Admin/Consultant**
SRCD is looking into project management online and have the staff take introductory class into project management.
- P. Programs & Projects Status Report (I) Staff / District Manager**
- Q. Grant Opportunities Tracking List (I) District Manager Steve says that SRCD is looking into Cal Fire grants**

V. Financial Reports

- A. Monthly Reports
Steve sent financial reports to board directors
- B. Review & Approval of expenses:

VI. Reports:



Sierra Resource Conservation District
Monthly Board Meeting
Online MS Teams Meeting

Tuesday, March
22nd, 2021

4:00pm-6:00 pm

A. NRCS Report

Jon Chilcote has left the Fresno Office and NRCS is hoping to backfill his position. They are also hiring more staff. NRCS has finished reports for programs.

B. RC&D Report – Closer Consultations Request - Next meeting 04/29/2021

No report.

C. CARCD – Forestry Committee /SJV Region (Area 9)

No report.

D. Correspondence, Fresno County LAFCO Responses

No report.

E. Other – Articles, stories and blogs

VII. Adjournment: Meeting end 5:34 pm

Next meeting: Monday, April 19 th, 2021 MS Teams videoconference

Respectfully Submitted, Faith McClure