

## **MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, March 24, 2025, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Clovis Memorial Building – Room 2, 453 Hughes, Clovis, CA & Via MS Teams**

### **Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order** *President*
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Director roll call  
Pete Lassotovitch, Matt Hurley, Joe Denham,
- C. Introduction of guests  
Staff: Kelly Kucharski, Sokmarly In, Jessie Kanter, Husandeep Singh, Chelsea Hutchens, Tanner Michaelson,  
Guests: John Heywood, Mikhael Kazzi (NRCS)
- D. Core Values: Stewardship, Responsibility, Innovation *Manager*
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 2025 (A)** *President*  
***Director Hurley made a motion to approve the February minutes, Director Denham seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. (3-0-1)***
- III. Public Comment for any item not on the agenda (No action can be taken)**
- IV. Partner Reports (I)**
- A. NRCS Report  
The NRCS office is making selections for funding, they currently have 75 clients that have been selected in various fund pools. During this initial selection process, some clients decide to cancel which means NRCS can make other selections. They do anticipate for watersmart to open up a second round of applications in April or May for other growers in those irrigation districts to apply.  
The SRCD employees that work from the NRCS office have been helpful to the team with conducting site visits to certify compost and cover crop.
- V. SRCD Board Action Items and Discussion Topics: (I) Info / (A) Action**
- A. Financial Management *Controller*
- 1) Financial Reports: Balance Sheet FY 24-25 YTD, Profit and Loss FY 24-25 YTD,  
Grant Status Report, AR Aging Detail as of 02.28.2025, AP Aging Detail as of 01.31.2025 **(I)**  
Director Lassotovitch requested to double check on receivables from 2 ½ years ago & make sure they were paid. The District was advised to continue with invoicing as much as possible and get any indication from grantors on status of funding.
- 2) Financial Audit FY 23-24 **(I)**
- B. Actions *Manager*
- 1) Approval for *Auberry Prescribed Fire* Notice of Exemption for CAL FIRE Increasing the Pace and Scale Taking Critical RCD Projects to Implementation **(A)**  
***Director Denham made a motion to approve the NOE for this project, Director Lassotovitch seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. (3-0-1)***
- C. Projects and Programs *Manager*
- 1) Board of Directors
- a. Local Legislator Meeting **(I)**
- b. Grant Application Report FY 24-25 **(I)**  
Director Hurely mentioned that we would like to pin all grants on a map for anticipated grant projects. He also requested an executive summary of all the grants. Sierra RCD may move to a grant management software to track grant projects in the future. A recommendation was Grant Vantage Software.
- 2) Programs – (A/R – Ag and Rangeland, F/W – Forestry and Watershed, C/I – Collective Impact)

- a. SRCD Staff Appointees to California Association of Resource Conservation District's Committees – Forestry, Justice, and Financial Oversight  
Sierra RCDs Financial Controller, Sokmarly In, is now serving on the Financial Oversight Committee for CARCD.  
Collective Impact Program Manager, Tanner Michaelson, was approved to serve on the JEDI Committee which focuses on justice equity.  
District Manager, Kelly Kucharski, is now serving as the Vice President of the Forestry Committee
- b. (A/R) Program Presentation **(I)** *A/R Manager*  
Jessie Kanter, Agriculture and Rangeland Program Manager, presented on the programs mission and highlights. She started off by introducing her team followed by speaking on the programs focuses. Four of their main focuses include Soil Health, Disaster Relief Funding, Supporting Wildlife Habitat and Equitable Access to Resources.
- c. (A/R) New Employees: Husandeep Singh – Community Projects Manager and  
Luke McVay – Air Quality Intern **(I)**  
Husandeep Singh started as the Community Project Manager in early February.  
Luke McVay started as the Air Quality Intern in early March and will be working closely with the NRCS office.

**VI. Adjournment – Next Meeting: April 28th, 2025 – Clovis Veteran's Memorial District**  
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