



**BOARD MINUTES**

Nevada County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting  
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Tuesday April 9, 2023, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:00 by Jim Drew, President. Directors present: Jim Drew, Reed Hamilton, Alana Fowler, Linda Miller, and Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik.
2. **Introductions:** Nate Alcorn, contractor. Nancy Wahl-Scheurich, ED of CARCD and Maggie Philipsborn, Director of Education for the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance.
5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** Nanc Wahl-Scheurich, Executive Director of CARCD, spoke about her new position and thanked the Board for re-joining the CARCD and proceeded to report about the good works and benefits of CARCD membership. Maggie Philipsborn, Director of Education for the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance presented a short video outlining progress of obtaining support from the Nevada County Board of Supervisors. A short discussion about Board concerns for the cannabis culture in the area.
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman. moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Reed Hamilton. Approved 5-0.*

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- A. Minutes from the March 2024, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for March 2024.  
***Alana Fowler moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Linda Miller Approved 5-0.***
6. **Correspondence:** Articles of local interest on table, annual report from UC Extension, and copies of the 2023 NCRCD Annual Report.
7. **NRCS Director Report:** No Report
8. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Briana introduced Nate Alcorn, currently contracting as Scaffolding Project manager, and working with Brie to land valuable on-going grants. Nate talked about his background in Recreation Science Leadership, his experience with Tahoe National Forest obtaining grants, as well as his time with the Santa Clara and Nevada County Fire Safe councils working to obtain and facilitate grants.

Briana talked about collaborating with many potential partners in the county. She also reported on meeting with Rep. Kevin Kiely at the Robinson Ranch along with other key agriculture partners to discuss options to deal with water shortage in Nevada County. A

short discussion on options for the area. An idea to start at Micro Pond micro-grant, encouraging locals to develop up to 6ft deep ponds to be developed. These ponds under 6ft deep will not require permitting.

Anne Solik presented the new 2023 Annual Report. She reported on progress of the Farm Day plans, and other 2024 Events. Executive Director Briana Bacon reported on progress of the awarded grants.

- **Cal-Fire-CEQA grant \$299,936**
  - Next steps:
    - Spring for pipe installation
    - Invoicing this month
  - **HSP Block Grant-Awarded for 3 million to Placer County**
    - NCRCD will get \$9,360 for admin support Feb/Mar
    - Initial seminar completed
  - **CDWG Prescribed Fire Grant \$392542**
    - Award letter received, invoicing starting January.
    - Correcting SAM/deliverables ready
  - **Point Blue Wildlife \$100,000**
    - CEQA completed
    - Initial invoice for CEQA sent to Point blue for payment
- **SALC Grant \$500,000**
  - Award letter accepted.
  - Grant agreement in process – expected start 3/14/24
  - SALC meeting 1/25 NCRCD office
- **Livestock Fire Mitigation Management Grant through Nevada County-Spring 2024**
  - 10,000 in admin
  - \$75,000 project implementation, \$15,000 outreach and marketing
- **AND SO MUCH MORE IN THE WORKS!**
  - Details on file

A full listing of current and future projects as well as status of on-going projects included in board package. Briana also reported on County discussions about a program (Wildlife Conservation Board) to promote using Livestock for fuel mitigation, details about maintenance being investigated.

Briana asked for two board members to volunteer as the Finance Committee to help with overseeing the 2024/25 budget. A meeting to be scheduled for the last week in April to allow signatures at the May Board meeting.

9. **NCRCD Board Report:** Reed Hamilton discussed a meeting with the Native Plat Society and will be providing staff with a list of approved nurseries. JoAnn FitesKaufman reported on progress with Prescribed Burn programs and the upcoming Prescribed burn demo for the Ag Tour in May. Reported on progress with prescribed burning as well as a report on livestock at her ranch. Linda Miller reported that the Scholarship committee had successfully chosen 5 candidates for approval. She also mentioned that there would be an opportunity to attend a scholarship evening event soon, should anyone want to attend. Jim Miller talked about completing his 30 days of substitute teaching.

Reed Hamilton left meeting 5:45

10. **New Business:**

A. Review and possibly approve position for Project Supervisor. **JoAnn FitesKaufman moved to approve the position for Project Supervisor. Second by Alana Fowler. Approved 4-0**

B. Review and possibly approve Executive Director Salary Increase. **Alana Fowler moved to approve the Executive Director Salary Increase to \$125,000. Seconded by JoAnn FitesKaufman. Approved 4-0**

11. **Old Business:**

A. Review and possibly approve employee handbook. **Alana Fowler moved to approve the Employee Handbook as presented. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 4-0.**

13. **Announcements:**

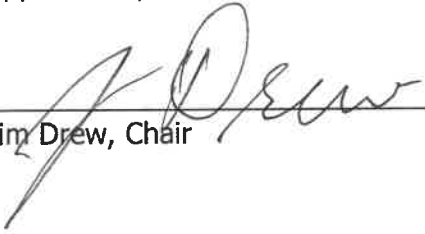
Next Regular Board meeting – April 9, 2024 at 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik April 9, 2024.

  
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Approved by Board of Directors on 5-14-24

  
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Jim Drew, Chair

