



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday January 23, 2023, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:00 by Jim Drew. Directors present: Jim Drew, Linda Miller, and Reed Hamilton. Associates: Alana Fowler and Robert Ingram. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik
2. **Introductions:** Jamie Jones, Firesafe Council, Steve Garcia, CalFire
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *JoAnn FitesKaufman moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Linda Miller; Approved 4-0.*

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the December 2023, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for December 2024.

Linda Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda with removal of Old Business "C". Second by JoAnn FitesKaufman, Approved 4-0.

5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** Steven Garcia from CalFire, spoke about the benefits of partnering with the NCRCD, and the status of work being done in Nevada/Placer Counties. Jamie Jones from Firesafe Council, spoke about the importance of partnership.
6. **Correspondence:** Articles about NCRCD local prescribed burn events presented on table.
7. **NRCS Director Report:** No Report
8. **NCRCD Director Reports:** Linda Miller reported that she met with Brandi at Nevada Union to discuss the details of NCRCD Scholarships and wanted to change the format of the Scholarship Detail List to bullets rather than paragraphs, she also added that we currently had four applicants for the NCRCD Scholarship. JoAnn FitesKaufman reported on all the coursework she has been creating while training the new Prescribed Fire Program Manager, and also attending all of the Prescribed Fire NCRCD Community Events. She also has been working to retain a CalFire Prescribed Fire Grant. Jim recounted stories about Fire Training at Nevada Union, and Reed Hamilton announced he would attend the Salc Grant meeting later this week. Reed also reported on attending the Climate Resilience/Climate Action plan meeting that reported on considering "Working Lands" before planning. Alana Fowler talked about her participation in the Healthy Soils CDFA program. Linda also mentioned to Jim Drew that perhaps donated wood for the sawmill could go to FFA kids to sell birdhouses to the community.

9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Executive Director reported on progress of the awarded grants.

- **Cal-Fire-CEQA grant \$299,936**
 - Next steps:
 - Invoice/quarterly report Jan.31
 - Sprint for pipe installation (spring)
 - **HSP Block Grant-Awarded for 3 million to Placer County**
 - NCRCD will get \$9,360 for admin support Feb/Mar
 - MOUs and contract to approve
 - **CDWG Prescribed Fire Grant \$392542**
 - Award letter received, invoicing starting January.
 - Correcting SAM/deliverables ready
 - **Point Blue Wildlife \$100,000**
 - 4 projects identified
 - Initial contract for CEQA sent to Point blue for \$4000
- **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

A full listing of current and future projects as well as status of on-going projects included in board package.

A Team meeting for the Ethics training will take place in the office, Thursday January 31, 2024, everyone has been signed up.

10. **New Business:**

A. Discussion and possible approval for Resolution 2024-01 CalFire Wildlife Prevention Grant 2024. Reed Hamilton moved to approve Resolution 2024-01 CalFire Wildlife Prevention Grant 2024. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 4-0

B. Discussion and possible approval for the MOU Regarding Completion of the Central Sierra Healthy Soils Program. JoAnn FitesKaufman moved to approve the MOU Regarding Completion of the Central Sierra Healthy Soils Program. Second by Reed Hamilton. Approved 4-0

11. **Old Business:**

A. Discussion and possible approval of new Board Director positions. Discussion and nominations; Linda Miller nominated Jim Drew for Board President Approved 4-0
JoAnn FitesKaufman volunteered for Vice Board President, Approved 4-0
Linda Miller nominated Alana Fowler for the open Director Seat, Approved 4-0

12. **Closed Session**

13. **Exit Closed Session 6:14 pm.**

14. **Announcements:**


Next Regular Board meeting – February 13, 2024 at 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik January 23, 2023.



Approved by Board of Directors on 2-13-24



Jim Drew, Chair

