



# Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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8 February 2023

## Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Warren Hutchings, Marlon Daly, Johnny Gailey  
Staff: Teri Van Huss, Antonia Perez, David Witt, Bob Puls  
NRCS: Lurana Strong  
Y/SRC&D: Erin Capuchino  
Guests: Cody Moody, Coleman Nieblas, Derek Daly

Warren called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

**Review Minutes:** The minutes for January 9<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Johnny moved to approve the minutes. Marlon seconded. Aye vote ensued.

**Financial Report:** Financials were presented for Jan/Feb. Teri also provided the Board with a draft of the Annual (Operating) Budget for 2022-2023. Johnny moved to approve them, Robin seconded. Aye vote ensued.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Public Hearing Notice – USDA Grant project request** Public notice was given for this matter by email and on our website. The grant is asking for \$100,000 to purchase attachments for the Brush Handler we are purchasing with a Cal-Fire grant. This will assist us immensely in providing more services for fuels removal projects. No publics were in attendance to comment and we received no comments.

**Website:** Teri reports a good start with the website – it came up that our domain name is run through GoDaddy and Streamline asked if we could change our domain. The Board is not in favor of changing the address. Streamline indicated they could still make it work.

## CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES:

**Cal-Fire Fuel Break projects (Clearances, Ward Canyon, Direct Award, Whisset)** – Given it's winter and there's lots of rain, only CEQA work is being done.

**Cal-Fire Fuel Break projects (Ponderosa)** – Work is on winter hiatus.

**Case Mountain, BLM project:** There is still too much snow. We are continuing to address BLM needs in a modification to our Good Neighbor Agreement.

**Redwoods Project - Sequoia National Forest agreements:** David and Jeff report we are still working on completing the agreement for multiple projects in the forest.

**Regional Partner Updates** – Erin Capuchino reports that they and Tulare County are working on a project in Sugar Loaf and General's Highway.



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**SGMA:** LOTS OF WATER!! Some growers are able to trap and keep extra flows and get credit for it. However, there is still too much water headed for the ocean, and more work needs to be done to keep it.

**CARCD RCPP:** Antonia reports the RCPP group met on Monday – the current RCPP is closing in June, and the next one is in process.

**NACD Technical Assistance:** Antonia reports the tractor project is almost done.

**NRCS Updates:** Lurana and Antonia reported the QAR – LWG needs to also include the Tribe – we need to update our email list. The QAR was recently done with State folks coming to the Visalia office. They were enthusiastic about the work Antonia is doing with our unique partnership.

**Public Comments:** none

**Correspondence:** none

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Minutes by Teri Van Huss. The next RCD meeting is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> in the NRCS Conference room and by Zoom.