



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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9 May 2023

Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Warren Hutchings, Robin Galloway, Marlon Daly, Johnny Gailey
Staff: Teri Van Huss, Antonia Perez, Bob Puls, Jeff Gletne
NRCS: Lurana Strong
Cal-Fire: Nick Shew
Guests: Cody Moody

Warren called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Review Minutes: The minutes for April 12th were reviewed. Johnny moved to approve the minutes. Robin seconded. Aye vote ensued.

Financial Report: Financials were presented for April/May. Johnny moved to approve them, Robin seconded. Aye vote ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Working Group: We are keeping in touch with Aaron Fukada, manager of Tulare Irrigation District, to get a meeting date with the whole district for our LWG activity this year.

Cal-Fire applications: We will hear about awards probably in July.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES:

Cal-Fire Fuel Break projects (Clearances, Ward Canyon, Direct Award, Whisset) – Bob
Bob reports he is seeing some projects that will need road work.

Cal-Fire Fuel Break projects (Ponderosa) – David / Jeff
Jeff reports work will start in early July. He will be back from Mexico soon.

Case Mountain, BLM project: Jack Thornburg has his largest equipment to move humungous amounts of dirt to fill and repair the washed out roads – 11 miles of them. It takes a quad to get into the area right now. Jeff and David will be doing plant surveys this summer.

Sequoia National Forest: The stewardship agreement has been finalized and signed. Four of the five projects in this agreement complement and are in the same area as our Cal-Fire projects.

SGMA: Kaweah GSA maintains the rules are going to change just because there was so much rain and flooding has occurred. Farmers can file an application for \$500 for re-charge and get an 80% credit. Tule Lake is 4 to 6' deep, and in some places 22' deep.

CARCD RCPP: Antonia is having difficulties finding PCAs unwilling to do weed treatments in the forest. The NRCS Area 3 forester says he can certify properties with the County permits.



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NRCS Updates: Lurana reported there is \$2 million in disaster relief statewide, and FSA has requests for at least 50 evaluations. The Farm Bureau held disaster meetings as well to help folks report damage and get assistance. New staff is coming in May!

Administrative: Robin asked if we might consider a donation to Royal Camp to help them clear the huge amounts of snow on the facilities.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none

Meeting Adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes by Teri Van Huss. The next RCD meeting is scheduled for June 14th in the NRCS Conference room and by Zoom (it happens to be Teri's 70th birthday...)