



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Warren Hutchings, Robin Galloway, Marlon Daly, Johnny Gailey
Staff: Teri Van Huss, Antonia Perez, David Witt, Bob Puls
TID: Aaron Fukada
Guests: Cody Moody, Jerrold Sharpe, Bob Nunziato

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

Review Minutes: The minutes for March 8th were reviewed. Johnny moved to approve the minutes. Robin seconded. Aye vote ensued.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Working Group: Aaron Fukada, manager of Tulare Irrigation District, spoke to us about water issues in general, and how TID has managed this crazy rainy season. It was very informative and we spoke with him about our desire to attend a TID public meeting to fulfil our LWG goals.

Sequoia National Forest: David and Bob both spoke about the scope of work of the proposed Stewardship Agreement with SNF. It is an agreement of wide scope that includes the normal hand crew and piling, mastication, and chipping, in addition to harvesting trees and doing ecological restoration. It is agreed by aye vote of the Board (Johnny moved, Robin seconded) to sign the agreement.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES:

Cal-Fire Fuel Break projects (Clearances, Ward Canyon, Direct Award, Whisset) –

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Case Mountain, BLM project: There is still too much snow and the roads are impassable. We are continuing to address BLM needs in a modification to our Good Neighbor Agreement which will include more money to repair the roads.

Redwoods Working Group: David reported he is in contact with Plumas and the group to coordinate the work everyone is doing.

SGMA: Johnny reports we just got all the information we could ever need from Aaron Fukada.

Forest Health Task Force: The task force met Bob reported. The Y/SRC&D and the County are working to get a planning grant for projects.



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CARCD RCPP: The Board talked about making sure all our potential applicants know about the new Emergency Services practices from NRCS.

NRCS Updates: Staff is attending trainings.

Administrative: We reported receiving the Owl zoom device which works, but without Antonia's computer we cannot get online, so next meeting we'll roll it out. Teri states our QuickBooks software has to be changed into a new subscription that costs \$549 per year. Teri also asked the Board to reconsider a subscription to DOCU-SIGN, with persuasion from Cal-Fire. Robin moved, Johnny seconded to approve both requests. Aye vote ensued.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes by Teri Van Huss. The next RCD meeting is scheduled for May 10th in the NRCS Conference room and by Zoom.