

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

REGULAR BOARD

MEETING

April 12, 2021 at 6:00pm

6765 Road A23

Calpine, CA

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

Note: this is audio ONLY

Phone Dial-in: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 927 7856 7871

Approved

MINUTES

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.**
- 2. Roll call** – Directors present: Rick Roberti, Annie Tipton, Chad Smith, Bryan Griffin, Dave Goicoechea
Others in Attendance: Victoria Fisher, Tracy Schohr, Supervisor Paul Roen, Lewis VanVleck, Katie Roberti, Supervisor Dwight Ceresola, Nikki Florio
Attendance via Teleconference: Willo Vierra, Kristi Jamison, Tracy Ferguson
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
**Director Goicoechea motioned to approve the agenda. Director Tipton seconded the motion. Motion passed.*
- 4. Public Comment**
**Nikki Florio with Bee Heroic, a group that focuses on pollinator and climate projects, introduced herself and brought to the board the idea of a conference series on farm to freedom topics and a program speaker with Bio-Char Now.*
- 5. Approval of March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes & March 10, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**
**Director Tipton motioned to approve the March 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes with amendments. Director Smith seconded the motion as amended (#2 add “not present/Goicoechea & #5 change 2020 to 2021”). All were in favor. Motion passed.*
**Director Smith motioned to approve the March 10, 2021 Special Meeting minutes. Director Griffin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
- 6. Announcements**
**Kristi Jamison announced that there will be two public workshops on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan for Sierra Valley. Monday, May 10th from 6-8pm and May 8 from 10 am-noon.*
- 7. Discussion/Action: Financial Report & Executive Director’s Update**
**Director Tipton reviewed the Plumas Bank records fiscal year to date and signed off on the statements. Victoria reported that there is \$5,902.25 in the bank account. Victoria noted that there is money that can be billed at Sierra County so she will prepare an invoice in the next couple weeks.*

8. Discussion/Action: Smithneck WUI Forest Health & Fuels Reduction Project

*SNC announced that \$20 million in funding is now available and the RFP's will be going out. Director Roberti would like to schedule a site tour for the Smithneck Project, a potential RCD project proposal, in the near future.

9. Discussion/Action: Lacey Meadows Restoration Project Update

*Monitoring data received from Beth Christman was emailed to the board. Additionally, the letter that the RCD Board wrote was passed out, along with the Lahontan response letter to Sierra County that claims water rights is not within Lahontan's scope under CEQA. Supervisor Roen recommended staying engaged with this project. There is concern that once the project is done it will be hard to repair loss to base flow. The board agreed by consensus that it would be good to have Beth Christman meet with the board at a later date with a draft of the performance measures. Director Roberti requested that Victoria reach out and ask Beth to stay in contact and bring forth the performance measures once they are in draft form.

Director Smith motioned to draft a letter to Sierra County and Beth Christman requesting that the grading permit be held until performance measures can be brought before the board and approved by consensus. Director Goicoechea seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

10. Discussion/Action: Legacy Restoration Project

*Held to next meeting.

11. Future Project and Workshop Items

A) Forage & Water Enhancement Options: Held to next meeting.

B) Cattlemen's Update: Held to next meeting.

C) Weed Treatments: Held to next meeting.

12. Discussion/Action: Committee/Agency Reports

A) UCCE, Tracy Schohr: The ground water technical advisory committee has agreed to fund analysis for UC to conduct groundwater samples from domestic wells and ag irrigation wells in the center of Sierra Valley to better inform district plans moving forward. The new NRCS district conservationist should be starting today and Tracy will help facilitate intros in the coming weeks. Tracy reached out to UC specialists to come out and do field visit in Sierra Valley for field ID and discussion for improved pasture production. Tracy also noted she continued to provide updates to the Drought Monitor on local conditions.

B) Sierra County, Paul Roen: The County engaged with DOC regarding easement funding. It was discussed that public funds towards easement funding should come before Sierra County to be reviewed and authorized.

C) Open Floor for Agency Reports: Willo Vierra, Plumas-Sierra Ag Commissioner, said they are continuing to monitor the drought situation.

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

NEXT MEETING: June 14, 2021 at 6pm, Location TBD