

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

REGULAR BOARD

MEETING

May 9, 2022 at 5pm
Sierra Brooks Lodge
510 Longhorn Dr.
Loyalton, CA

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TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

*Due to limited WiFi and telephone availability at the location,
teleconference was unavailable for this meeting.*

MINUTES

1. **Meeting called to order at 5:09pm.**
2. **Roll call** – Directors present: Rick Roberti, Annie Tipton, Chad Smith, Bryan Griffin
Not In Attendance: vacant seat for one board member (to be filled soon)
Others in Attendance: Victoria Fisher, Brandon Pangman Sierra County, Kristi Jamason FRLT, Beth Christman TRWC, Supervisor Sharon Dryden, Supervisor Paul Roen Sierra County
3. **Approval of Agenda**
**Director Tipton motioned to approve the agenda. Director Smith Seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
4. **Public Comment**
**The Art and Ag Trail is scheduled for September 24th!*
5. **Approval of April 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**
**Director Tipton motioned to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes with a correction to the attendees list. Director Griffin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Passed.*
6. **Announcements:** The Sierra Valley RCD's vacant seat has been posted by Sierra County and the RCD is now waiting the application period to close and for someone to be appointed.
7. **Discussion/Action: Financial Report & Executive Director's Update**
 - A) **Financial Review/ Payment of Invoices:** Director Tipton reviewed the bank statements from April and invoices as presented by Victoria Fisher. These invoices, including an invoice from Sacramento Valley Region of RCDs for membership, were approved and paid.
 - B) **General Account Balance:** The account balance is \$1,887.79 with no checks pending.
 - C) **SNC #1314 Money Market Account Balance:** The account balance is \$315,519.98 with no checks pending.
8. **Discussion/Action: Lacey Meadows, Beth Christman**

Beth Christman said that she has received comments from some of the board members and Brandon Pangman from Sierra County. There is a high concern over long term accountability so Beth met with Sierra County to discuss options to develop a formal agreement that will offer more accountability for the project issues as they arise. The agreement would offer solutions for short term and long term. Director Tipton expressed again that she has concerns over the wording not being specific enough to know what a significant affect to down stream flow might constitute. Beth offered up additional solutions to quantify what a significant decrease would be so that they can be more specific. Supervisor Roen said that the

County is committed to developing an agreement between TRWC and Sierra County. Following discussion there was a recommendation for the SVRCD Board to wait on a decision until the board could review the agreement being drafted so that the board can provide input.

Director Tipton motioned to write a letter to Sierra County in support of them working with the Truckee River Watershed Council to develop a written contingency plan for Lacey Meadows Project that address the points outlined in the drafted letter. Director Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The Sierra Valley RCD Board took a break at 5:55pm to allow time for community members of Sierra Brooks to come to the board meeting. The board meeting was called back into session at 6:09pm. New attendees included Supervisor Sharon Dryden, Danielle Bradfield RPF and 5 Sierra Brooks community members.

9. TIMED ITEM 6PM: Smithneck WUI Forest Health & Fuels Reduction Project

Community opportunity to meet with the Sierra Valley RCD and project manager Danielle Bradfield to hear about the project and ask questions. Danielle Bradfield, the project manager, gave an overview of the fuels reduction project and offered up time to answer questions that anyone might have. There was discussion over maintenance opportunities once the project is completed. Also, Danielle stressed that the community will hear a lot of noise once the project commences and dust stirred up. There was a request to include the RCD's website link on the Sierra County Fire Safe Council's website where the project is listed and to also note in future announcements and the RCD's website that the public should stay 300 feet from all operating equipment.

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

A) Bid Tour & Project Update: The bid tour was held on April 25th and the closing of the bids was May 5th. 5 contractors attended and 4 of the 5 contractors submitted bids.

B) Project Committee Meeting for Bid Review: It was announced that the committee for bid proposal review will be meeting Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 9am at the Sierraville School. This committee will be made up of Director Roberti, Director Smith, Danielle Bradfield (RPF and project manager), Quentin Youngblood (retired Sierraville District Ranger and local resident) and Ryan Tompkins (UCCE Forester and Natural Resource Advisor). The invite to attend and provide input will also be going out to USFS and CDFW. Once the bids are scored a special meeting will be held for the board to review the recommendation and vote on a contractor.

11. Discussion/ Action, Committee/ Agency Reports:

A) Agency Reports – Open Floor: Supervisor Roen asked for the board to form a committee to meet with the Nevada RCD to discuss expanding our boundaries to the rest of Sierra County. Director Roberti asked for this to be added to the next agenda.

12. Discussion/ Action, Future Ag. Project Opportunities: Held over by consensus.

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2022 at 6pm, Sierraville School