

# Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

## REGULAR BOARD

### MEETING

November 13, 2023 at 6pm  
305 Lincoln St.  
Sierraville, CA

APPROVED

### TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

*Note: This is audio only. Video conference will not be available.*

**Phone Number: 1 (669) 444-9171**

**Meeting ID: 860 5842 7118**

**Passcode: 354174**

### MINUTES

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:04pm**
2. **Roll call** – Directors present: Rick Roberti, Annie Tipton, Bryan Griffin, Lorenzo Larrucea  
*Not in Attendance: Chad Smith*  
**Others in Attendance:** Victoria Fisher, Ben McNally NRCS, Tracy Schohr UCCE
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
*\*Director Tipton motioned to approve the agenda. Director Griffin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Approval of September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**  
*\* Director Tipton motioned to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes. Director Larrucea seconded the motion. All other directors were in favor. Motion passed.*
6. **Announcements:** None.
7. **Discussion/Action: Committee & Agency Reports**
  - A) **Agency Reports: Open Floor** Willo Vieira shared a grasshopper fact sheet with the RCD and asked that anyone with questions reach out to either herself or Tom Getts. Ben McNally reported that they received payments for fuels reduction. First sign-up for EQUIP has happened and they anticipate more next year. He would like the board to consider a spring workgroup. There is herbaceous weed control funding through EQUIP but sometimes that alone does not rank well.
  - B) **Committee Reports:** None
8. **Discussion/Action: Financial Report & Executive Director's Update**
  - A) **Financial Review/ Payment of Invoices:** Director Tipton reviewed the bank statement for October 2023 and invoices from Victoria Fisher. Victoria mentioned that she paid the most recent invoice for Danielle Bradfield for SNC #1314. *The financial report was approved by consensus.*
  - B) **General Account Balance:** Account balance is \$6,621.46. No checks pending.
  - C) **SNC #1314 Money Market Account Balance:** Account balance is \$121,129.76. No checks pending.
  - D) **Annual Budget Approval:** The board is required to approve an annual budget. Victoria handed out the most recent Cost Allocation Plan for the board to review and discuss. No changes were made.
  - E) **SAM Registration Update:** Victoria has been working on SAM registration but is having trouble getting it to go through due to the requirements of process and address verification. This is an issue every

year and takes a lot of time to complete. She has escalated the issue through the system and is hoping to have it resolved soon.

**9. Discussion/Action: County Conditional Permitting**

\*Back in July it was discussed that once summer was over the board would set a meeting to discuss this topic more in depth with Sierra County. Victoria asked if the board would prefer to set a committee to take this on or set a board meeting dedicated to this topic. Rachel Hutchinson reached out and asked to be part of the discussion as it might affect USFS projects. The board will keep this on the agenda for future discussion. The consensus of the board is to schedule a meeting with Sierra County and the board sometime in January.

**10. Discussion/ Action: Allotment Grazing**

\*The board will keep this on the agenda for future discussion. Director Roberti is on a grazing committee with Supervisor Roen and he feels that the group is really trying to work on NEPA and vacant allotments.

**11. Discussion/ Action: Sac Valley Soil Hub**

\*Director Roberti attended the Sac Valley Soil Hub meeting on October 13, 2023. There was concern that something this large is more than this RCD could commit to but this is a good topic to be thinking about.

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

\*Victoria updated that Danielle met with CDFW, made some updates on the mapping and found the additional acreage.

**13. Discussion/ Action: Future Ag Project Opportunities**

**A) Noxious Weeds & RAC Funding:** Nothing to report at this time. Director Roberti brought up that there could be funding for noxious weeds if you could write a grant that includes forest health.

**B) Sierra Valley Grasshoppers:** Nothing to report at this time. Director Roberti is attending a convention in Reno and hopes to learn more then.

**C) Other Future Funding Opportunities:** Victoria said that she went through the most recent funding list and had some ideas printed off if the board was interested.

**14. Adjournment:** Adjourned at 6:56pm.

**NEXT MEETING: December 11, 2023, Sierraville**