

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

Special Board Meeting
August 3, 2020 at 6:00pm
Golden West
Loyalton, CA

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

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Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm.

- 2. Roll call** – Directors present: Rick Roberti, Annie Tipton, Cleve Anseth, Dave Goicoechea
Not Present: Lewis Van Vleck

Others in Attendance Via Zoom: Kristi Jamason, Paul Roen

3. Approval of Agenda

*Director Tipton motioned to approve the agenda. Director Anseth seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

4. Public Comment

*Tracy commented that her coworker Ryan Thompkins met with Supervisor Roen and Supervisor Dryden to discuss a second round of grant funding for the Smithneck Creek Fuels Reduction and Watershed Protection Project.

5. Announcements

*Director Goicoechea announced that Ryan Thompkins is working with Supervisor Dryden on Firewise Community efforts in Sierra Brooks. Second, he received a call from the water master that the water is low coming out of Smithneck Creek and Frenchman's.

Director Roberti announced that John Olson, a previous board member, passed away. Director Roberti also mentioned that he is still watching IRWM for funding that looks suitable for past and present project ideas. The new director seems to be doing a good job but they haven't been able to meet yet. Last, it was mentioned that the board and local ranchers and farmers would be interested in a meet and greet with the new trapper out of Plumas-Sierra Ag.

6. Discussion/Action: Internal Operations

Victoria passed out attachments regarding the following 4 topics. A discussion took place over each item.

***Review of Sierra County MOU/ Resolution:** A copy of 4 MOU's/ Resolutions from Sierra County was passed out to the board. The board was asked to review the MOU's/ Resolutions when they had time to better understand what the RCD has committed assistance to Sierra County on. It was noted that the Board should follow up with Plumas County to see what we have on file with them and to request funding to assist in our efforts on behalf of them. Director

Goicoechea discussed our involvement with both counties and felt that there was a need to update the resolutions to mirror our current involvement and ask for funding from Plumas County as well as present a budget to Sierra County to show what we are working within. Tracy asked the board to consider where they want their jurisdiction to be and whether they wished to expand because future projects could be impacted if they take place outside of the District's boundaries. The Directors discussed whether they would be interested in expanding the boundaries of the RCD to the entirety of Sierra County.

Director Goicoechea and Director Roberti were delegated to report to the board of supervisors on what the RCD has been doing. Director Tipton felt that the board should refine their focus to select a few projects that they could work on, such as expanding allotment availability, and to offer County support as defined within the MOU. Director Roberti would like to see the RCD go back to a weeds program to assist the landowners with weed treatments in the valley. Tracy Schohr made a list of goals that the board would like to address and will be emailing that list to the board to review.

Supervisor Roen also said that the Nevada RCD would like to meet with the SVRCD to discuss boundaries and activities of the boards. Director Roberti offered to go with Tracy to meet with the board and discuss this.

***CARCD & Sac Region Annual Dues/ Membership:** The dues invoices were passed out for Sacramento Region and CARCD. Director Tipton reported to the board on what she found out about each of these entities and what our RCD would receive through paying membership. She reported a list of benefits for each entity when paying the dues. *Director Roberti motioned to pay the dues for both CARCD and Sacramento Region. Director Tipton seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

***Tier 1 RCD Requirements Review:** Victoria passed out a copy of the old requirement list and a copy of the new requirement list for the board to review. She brought up that we have been on track with the requirements, but due to lack of funding, we have not been able to meet the audit requirement. She also said that she spoke with John Blomberg, our previous auditor, and found out that each year will cost around \$1,000 to audit. She mentioned that we will need at least 2014-2018 audited and that the Board should consider asking the county to approve a 5-year audit requirement.

***SVRCD Budget Review & Approval:** A revised budget was handed out to the board. It was noted that now is a good time for the Board to approach Plumas County to ask for a funding allocation to the SVRCD. Director Roberti offered to follow up on this with Tracy and Director Tipton. *Director Tipton motioned to approved the budget. Director Anseth seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6pm at the Golden West.