

Colusa County
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
May 1st, 2024

100 Sunrise Blvd. Suite A-3, Colusa, CA. 95932
CCRCD Special Meeting Minutes

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Beth Nall, Ben King, Alex Stuckmeyer, Tom Hickok (left early at 3:47pm), Walt Seaver (arrived late at 3:17pm)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Nas Chaudhary, Allen Gobel

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jennifer Sanders

OTHERS PRESENT: Liz Harper- CCRCD Executive Director, Eduardo Blancas Alcantara- CCRCD Conservation Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Vice President Nall in the absence of President Seaver.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: No agenda items were added. The agenda was review and King moved to approve the agenda as presented. Stuckmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant.

Special Meeting Business Action Items:

#1: Harper presented the board with the Colusa Indian Community Council Contract. This agreement is to hire the Colusa County RCD as the Technical Assistance Provider to the CICC's California Department of Food and Agriculture's Climate Smart Agriculture Block Grants. These programs include the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) and the Health Soils Incentive Program (HSP). These programs provide state grant funds directly to producers to implement water and soil conservation practices. The CCRCD would provide outreach, education, application, implementation and verification help to the farmers and ranchers that are awarded funding for their project. CCRCD President Seaver was absent during the discussion of the contract agreement due to potential conflict of interest issues. Stuckmeyer moved to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Hickok and was carried with 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant.

#2: Harper presented the board with contract amendments for prescribe burning, planting/reforestation and lopping/thinning for CalFire's Forest Health Grant 2019. Hickok left at 3:47 pm and was not included in the discussion due to potential conflict of interest issues. The original contracts were with Gree Tree Services, Inc to perform all hand treatment biomass reduction and site prep for the Forest Health 2019 grant. Due to the timing of the work and crew availability, Project Coordinator Blancas and Executive Director Harper worked with GTS to develop a multi-day and multi-treatment work order for the crews. This included finishing work and expending funds for the Forest Health 2019 grant to restore the private in holder's land within the Mendocino National Forest. The board discussed the process of contracting and the rates at which the agreements outlined. The board found the contract amendments agreeable yet going forward the contractor rates need to be checked and compared to one another through a formal bidding process. Also, if the project is being administered and managed by the RCD, Project Coordinator Blancas is to develop work plans and verify all contracted work. The board desires new bid proposals for all remaining work that falls under the forest health grants. King moved to ratify all amended contracts for the treatments said above. The motion was seconded by Seaver, and the board approved the budget with other reports to be presented at a later meeting with 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, at 3pm at CCRCD Office at 100 Sunrise Blvd. Suite A-3, Colusa, CA 95932.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Harper-Secretary/Treasurer-Colusa Co. RCD