



Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2019, 3:30PM-5:30PM

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District Directors: Joe Dutton, President; Richard Hughes, Vice President; Torrey Olson, Treasurer; Ann Cassidy, Secretary; Mel Sanchiotti, Director

Associate Directors: Guy Smith; Chris Choo

1. Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 3:36pm.

Directors present: Joe Dutton, Mel Sanchiotti, Richard Hughes, Torrey Olson, Ann Cassidy.

Directors Absent: None. Associate Directors present: Guy Smith. Chris Choo at 4:30pm.

Associate Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Brittany Jensen, Joe Pozzi, Michele Harris, Mare O'Connell, Adriana Stagnaro, Sierra Cantor, Noelle Johnson, John Green at 4:00pm.

Others present: Celine Morales (NRCS), Elias Zegarra (volunteer), Noel Bouck (Salmon Creek Watershed Council), Richard Seaman (Fire Safe Camp Meeker).

2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B))

Board approved a change to Item 5-A. July 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes and August Grant Status Report. The Minutes were corrected to show Guy Smith was present at the July 18, 2019 meeting.

Motion to approve Item 5 as amended: 1st Cassidy, 2nd Olson. Ayes: Dutton, Hughes, Sanchiotti, Cassidy, Olson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

3. Public Comment: Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).

Richard Seaman of Fire Safe Camp Meeker: I would like to request assistance from the Gold Ridge RCD in raising awareness to PG&E's redwood limbing happening now in Camp Meeker and other communities as part of their Wildfire Safety Plan. I'm concerned that this treatment might actually increase risk of wildfire and irreparably damage our redwoods.

4. Informational Items

A. **Gold Ridge RCD Updates & Notices**

B. **Natural Resources Conservation Service Update**

C. **Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update** (Brittany Jensen, Joe Dutton)

D. **Strategic Planning 2020-25 Update**

E. Aquatic Wildlife Habitat Resources Review (Sierra Cantor)

5. Consent Calendar

A. July 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes and August Grant Status Report (Brittany Jensen)

Motion to approve Item 5 as amended: 1st Cassidy, 2nd Olson. Ayes: Dutton, Hughes, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

6. Action Items

A. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Request for FY 2018/19 through June 30, 2019 (Mare O'Connell)

Motion to approve Item 6-A: 1st Olson, 2nd Hughes. Ayes: Dutton, Hughes, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

B. Resolution 2019-07 to Receive a Line of Credit from the County of Sonoma for FY 19/20 (Mare O'Connell)

Motion to approve Item 6-B: 1st Cassidy, 2nd Olson. Ayes: Dutton, Hughes, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

C. Approve the Final FY 19/20 Budget (Mare O'Connell)

Motion to approve Item 6-C: 1st Olson, 2nd Hughes. Ayes: Dutton, Hughes, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

D. Approval of Executive Director to enter into a Grant Agreement with a foundation who requested to remain anonymous to support general activities for the Gold Ridge RCD for \$45,000 (Brittany Jensen)

Motion to approve Item 6-D: 1st Olson, 2nd Hughes. Ayes: Dutton, Hughes, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

E. Approval of Executive Director to enter into contract with North Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council for \$66,513.00 for services provided to CAL FIRE grant 5GA18217 Camp Meeker Fire Prevention Planning and Community Engagement Project (Adriana Stagnaro)

Motion to approve Item 6-E: 1st Cassidy, 2nd Sanchietti. Ayes: Dutton, Hughes, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

F. Approval of Gold Ridge RCD Policy Handbook Update - Section 1000 General Policies (Brittany Jensen)

Motion to approve Item 6-F: 1st Olson, 2nd Sanchietti. Ayes: Dutton, Hughes, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:23pm.