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Full Council QUARTERLY MEETING

Minutes

Thursday April 28, 2022 / 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:07 a.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Pledge of Allegiance & Recite Mission Statement
- Introductions & Roll Call In attendance:

Sponsor Organizations

Tom Wheeler, Madera County Supervisor – Executive Committee (President) (TW)

Nathan Magsig, Fresno County Supervisor – Executive Committee (2nd Vice President) (NM)

Lynn Gorman, Sierra Foothill Conservancy – Executive Committee (Secretary) (LG)

Rosemarie Smallcombe, Mariposa County Supervisor (RS)

Eddie Valero, Tulare County Supervisor (EV)

Steve Haze, Sierra RCD (SH)

Kelly Kucharski, Sierra RCD (KK)

Barbara Cone, Mariposa Fire Safe Council (BC)

Sarah Campe, SNC

Barbara Cone, Mariposa Firesafe Council

Julie Konno, CRCD

Jon Cottingham, CRCD

Partners and visitors

Robert Macaulay, Madera County (RB)

Alex Hepler, NRCS (AH)

Denise England, Tulare County (DE)

Jeannie Habben, Madera County WNR (JH)

Kristin Telles, Central Sierra Resiliently Fund (KT)

Doug Waltner, Sierra Vista Byway (DW)

Staff

David Konno, Program Manager (DK)

Hazel Lavender, Assistant Project Manager (HL)

Erin Capuchino, Outreach Coordinator (EC)

- Discussion and Approval of Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953
 - EV moved to approve, seconded by LG, all in favor
- Approval of Agenda

- Due to scheduling, some items need to be addressed differently. LG Moved to approve the agenda with timeline adjustments, seconded by EV, all in favor.
- Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
 - LG moved to approve, seconded by EV, all in favor
- Treasurer's Report
 - DK updated the council with the line of credit balance and another account. NM suggested that any surplus be used to pay down the line of credit as quickly as possible. NM loved to approve, seconded by LG, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- Staff Recruitment Update
 - RS and LG updated the council on the process of hiring a director. Along with the Executive Committee meeting on 4/27/22, they propose Erin Capuchino as Director. NM Moved to approve, seconded by LG, all in favor. New position to start 5/16/22
- SNC RFFCP Early Action Funding
 - HL updated Council on the grant process and will know if we are selected for the next steps in June.

NEW BUSINESS

- New and Upcoming Grants
 - SNC Vibrant Recreation & Tourism Directed Grant Program
EC and SC gave details on the process of this grant and what is moving forward.
 - PG&E
DK gave an update on the PG&E Grant for the Cascadel Woods area.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- NRCS Update
 - AH is now the acting district conservation in Fresno County, the second round of batching starts May 27th, asses for the conservation sustainability program, tree mortality, prepping for 2023.
- Public Comment
 - None

SPONSOR & PARTNER UPDATES

Fresno County – NM - spending funds for fuel breaks

Mariposa County – RS - Robin Smith has left NRCS in Mariposa County, looking for a new district conservationist.

Tulare County – Mater stewardship agreement with Forest Service

LG Sierra Foothill Conservatory – first dinner in 3 years! May 7th, Mariposa, please attend.

Sierra RCD - SH — FC LABCo expanded district to Hwy 99. Sierra RCD now covers Hwy 99 to the crest of the Sierra. **KK** – Trailer and tool kit from the FireSafe Council and volunteer help were able to treat 80 acres.

Madera County Water – JH is waiting to hear back from Grant for the Fresno River clean-up of \$1.6 Million. Completed EAP for flood, will get the mapping and details out in summer. Working on getting the supplies, going slowly due to supply chain issues. Working on SIGMA.

Sierra Byway – DW – GAOA is funding the byway improvements.

CSRF – KT – The seeding program is going well, growing new seedlings for further planting.

Mariposa County FireSafe – BC – works on many fire breaks to encircle the community. Applying to PG&E and CalFire for more brush and chip programs.

CCD – JC – FireWise AmeriCorps Crew and contrast work. Worked in 7 communities with about 30 homes with brushing, clearing, and burning. Total of 11 Firewise communities and 1 in process. Working with Calvin Crest for a workday and will do tree planting. JK – JC will be taking on the ED position, working on Million Dollar Grant from CalFire to help with Firewise. Working with Mt. Oaks High School will be growing milkweed seeds for CRCD.

NO CLOSED SESSION

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11:05 a.m.

Future Agenda Items & Meeting Date(s)

- Executive Committee Meeting:
Thursday, 5/26/22 @9:30am
- Executive Committee Meeting:
Thursday, 6/23/22 @9:30am
- Executive Committee Meeting:
Thursday, 7/27/22 @9:30am
- Full Council Meeting:
Thursday, 7/28/22 @ 10 am