

YOSEMITE/SEQUOIA RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Agenda

<i>Call-In/Zoom Information</i>
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(A) = Action Item

Call to Order 9:30 a.m.

Establish Quorum

President's Opening Statement

Review/Approve Agenda

Updates from Executive Committee

Consent Agenda (A)

1. **Discussion and Approval of Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (A)**
2. 5/26/22 Meeting Minutes (A)
3. Projects/Programs report (A)
4. Treasurers Report (A)

Personnel

- Social Media/Admin Asst Update Capuchino/ Lavender
 - Schedule follow-up interviews with Executive Committee Members

Old Business

- Pending Grant applications Lavender
 - SNC RFFCP Early Action Funding update Capuchino
 - SNC Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Directed Grant Program Konno
 - PG&E Capuchino
- Eastern Madera FireSafe Council Capuchino

New Business

- Bookkeeper (A) Lavender
- Directors Proposal Capuchino
 - Rebrand (A)
 - Southern Counties Outreach (A)
 - Create Updated Sponsorship/Dues/Fundraiser Program (A)
 - Bylaw review and update to encompass Director position, permanently set meetings to virtual (A)

Closed Session

- **TBD if needed** Executive Committee

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11:00 am

Future Agenda Items & Meeting Date(s)

- Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 7/27/22 @9:30am
 - Approval of proposed Bylaw Updates
 - Approval of Sponsorship/Dues/Fundraiser Program
- Full Council Meeting: Thursday, 7/28/22 @10am
- Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, 8/25/22 @9:30am

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YOSEMITE/SEQUOIA RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday May 26, 2022 / 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Minutes

(A) = Action Item

Call to Order

9:35 a.m.

Establish Quorum

In attendance **Executive Board:** Tom Wheeler (TW), Lynn Gorman (LG), Rosemarie Smallcombe (RS), Nathan Magsig (NM), Eddie Valero (EV)

Staff: David Konno (DK), Hazel Lavender (HL), Erin Capuchino (EC), Robert Macaulay (RM)

Guest: Chris Trott (CT)

President's Opening Statement: Thank you

Review/Approve Agenda: LG Moved to approve with no changes, NM seconded, all approved.

Updates from Executive Committee: None

Consent Agenda (A): RS Moved to approve all items, LG seconded, all approved

- 1. Discussion and Approval of Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (A)**
- 2. 4/27/22 Meeting Minutes (A)**
- 3. Projects/Programs report (A)**
- 4. Treasurers Report (A)**

Personnel

- Retirement **Konno**
 - DK thanked the board for the last 10 years, each board member and Staff thanked DK for his time, commitment and knowledge.

Old Business

- Pending Grant applications **Lavender**
 - SNC RFFCP Early Action Funding update
 - Has been approved to move to next step of funding.
 - SNC Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Directed Grant Program **Capuchino**
 - Both projects were approved to send in full proposals and Madera County Tourism will fund a grant writer.
 - PG&E **Konno**
 - Should know in a month or so

New Business

- Outreach Update **Capuchino**
 - EC updated Board on outreach activities and requested they share any social media the YSRCDC puts out to help grow the audience and requested a schedule of in-person events that could be attended.
- Eastern Madera FireSafe Council **Capuchino/Macaulay**

- RM updated the board on the funding the Madera County received and the idea of reaching out to the other counties to help grow and manage their Firewise and Firesafe programs.
- Directors Proposal **Capuchino**
 - EC shared her suggestion via slide deck and had a discussion on many items listed. Some items need to have an email vote to approve before the next Board meeting.

Guest

- Chris Trott introduced himself and why he attended the meeting, the board asked him as an employee of Golden State Natural Resources to be a part of the full council.

Closed Session

- None Needed

Executive Committee

ADJOURN

10:44 am

Future Agenda Items & Meeting Date(s)

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

1. ACTIVE - Grant

Madera Strategic Wildfire Mitigation Project (GG17173)

Budget: \$3,613,747.00

Spent: \$2012432.00

Balance: \$1,601,315.00

Start Date: 11/1/2018

Finish Date: 9/13/2023

Partner: Forest Service, CALFIRE

Funder: CALFIRE CCI Fire Prevention Fund

A. Purpose: Project will fund the strategic implementation of fuel breaks and defensible landscape projects in the Upper Chowchilla/Fresno River and the Upper San Joaquin River Watersheds.

B. Current Activity: Sugar Pine & Cedar Valley Public Lands Contract is ongoing. Sugar Pine Fuel Break is complete; Sugar Pine DFPZ active. Cedar Valley DFPZ is active. The Road Hazard Abatement portion of the work will start in early summer; the RFP has been sent out and awarded. Forest Service will coordinate with the assistance of Cardno for a Forester and Arc. There is an Active contract with Chukchansi Tribe for cultural monitoring in the remaining Cedar Valley archaeological sites. An 18-month extension request was approved/executed by CAL FIRE; the new agreement date through 9/13/23.

C. Outreach: Shared updates on social media and in Newsletter. The next step is a Press Release to inform the community that handwork will start.

E. Counties: Madera

F. Contact: Konno (admin), Capuchino (Project Management), Lavender (support)

2. ACTIVE - Grant

Madera Projects - Southern Sierra All Lands Recovery and Restoration Project (SSARRP) (8GG18655)

Budget: \$4,150,000.00

Spent: \$3,605,550.46

Balance: \$545,043.54

Start Date: 8/2/2019

Finish Date: 3/31/2025

Partner: Sierra National Forest, North Fork Rancheria, University of Washington, American Forests

Funder: CALFIRE CCI Forest Health Fund

A. Purpose: This project will 1) reforest areas of high severity wildfires and dramatic tree mortality to promote ecosystem biodiversity and connectivity while restoring critical forest carbon stocks; 2) implement strategic fuel treatments that address public safety hazards and prepare for future prescribed fire and reforestation efforts; and 3) utilize strategic planning, LIDAR mapping analysis, and technical assistance from diverse partners to facilitate climate-informed and science-based restoration in the region over the next ten years.

B. Current Activity: University of Washington - LIDAR data distribution active/ongoing. USGS data is now available to the public. Part one of the Lidar workshops was held on Feb 3. Part 2 was held on 5/12 with over 20 participants. 2. North Fork Rancheria - Mission Fire Recovery project is active; the final plan is due in the upcoming months. American Forests - deliverables complete, using the remaining budget for partner coordination and planning, etc. USFS - Implementation contracts are active. The gathering of data planning for the French Fire Reforestation project has begun and seedlings were received. The extension has been granted through 3/2025.

C. Outreach: Watershed Wednesday social media, working on a meeting, updated press release. Promoted Workshop to members and included links in Newsletter.

D. Decisions: None

E. Counties: Fresno, Madera, Mariposa

F. Contact: Lavender (support), Konno (admin), Capuchino (Outreach)

3. ACTIVE - Grant

Blue Rush Restoration Project (SNC 1099)

Budget: \$999,960.00 **Spent:** \$798,834.17 **Balance:** \$201,065.63

Start Date: 10/18/2019 **Finish Date:** 1/31/2023

Partner: Sierra National Forest

Funder: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

A. Purpose: The Blue Rush Forest Restoration Project will treat 450 acres of public lands in Blue Canyon, in the Big Creek Watershed of the Sierra National Forest in Fresno County.

B. Current Activity: Site prep implementation is complete; prescribed fire took place on 01/2022. Press Release went out as an announcement. The sign was ordered on 6/20/2022.

C. Outreach: We will schedule a field trip when the sign is installed.

D. Decisions: N/A

E. Counties: Fresno

F. Contact: Lavender (support), Konno (admin), Capuchino (Outreach)

4. ACTIVE - Program

WIP Capacity (RFFCP) Southern Subregion (SNC 943)

Budget: \$68,000.00 **Spent:** \$41,746.69 **Balance:** \$26,253.31

Start Date: 1/6/2020 **Finish Date:** 3/31/2023

Partner: Sierra Nevada Conservancy, American Forests, Sierra Nevada Alliance

Funder: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

A. Purpose: YSRCDC will plan and implement a strategy to increase the capacity of land managers, local agencies, and nonprofits in the Southern Sierra Nevada to work together in planning, funding, and implementing forest health and wildfire prevention projects.

B. Current Activity: Grant deadline extended through 3/31/2023. An Early Action Funding proposal was submitted to SNC on 3/2022; we applied for a complete submission of up to \$495,000 in personnel, grant writing, and project development categories. We hope to hear back on the outcome by early Summer. Plan Development (DELIVERABLE) – We are in the process of restarting the Forest Health Prioritization Subcommittee (FHPS) meetings to continue to identify prioritization indicators/criteria for future project planning/development and grant applications in the southern subregion. The prioritization process is otherwise complete except for some data refinement and maybe 1-2 additional meetings, either with FHPS or Full Council. American Forests is a Technical Assistance Provider for the program and is finalizing a corresponding map product and climate consideration tool.

C. Outreach: Progress in finding groups to help build projects, attending workshops, and working on SNC Tourism Grant.

D. Decisions: none

E. Counties: Full Region + Kern

F. Contact: Lavender (support), Konno (admin), Capuchino (Outreach)

5. ACTIVE - Program

Title III Firewise Coordination Program (Mad FW)

Budget: \$325,000/108,333.19 **Spent:** \$29,297.00 **Balance:** \$295,703.00/79,035.37

Start Date: 8/1/2020 **Finish Date:** 7/1/2024

Partner: Madera County, CRCD

Funder: Madera County

A. Purpose: Expand the Firewise Program by forming other Firewise communities throughout Madera County, partnering with CRCDC for program development, and hiring a Firewise coordinator position. YSRCDC will be providing oversight to the program and project management.

B. Current Activity: County agreement renewed from 7/1/2021 through 7/1/2024 (3-year program renewal). CRCDC will remain a local partner/contractor for Firewise Coordination (including project development, community support, and more). The 3-year CRCDC contract has been signed and executed. The grant CA Fire Safe Council County Coordinator Grant was applied for in partnership with Madera County. The application was put on a waitlist, and the county application will likely be invited back.

C. Outreach: social media, website, newsletter, Earth Day, Heritage Day, Mariposa Gazette, in-person meetings. I am working on connecting all four counties in one session to arrange for Y to be the lead for all counties in FireSafe and FireWise.

D. Decisions: None

E. Counties: Madera

F. Contact: Konno (admin), Capuchino (Outreach & Project Management), Lavender (support)

6. Pending – Supporting Partner

Construction of North Fork Bioenergy Facility and Research on Forest Biomass Utilization

(EPIC)

Budget: \$47,650.00

Spent: \$29,344.81

Balance: \$0

Start Date: 5/1/2015

Finish Date: 5/1/2018 Closeout

Partner: The Watershed Research and Training Center, North Fork Community Power

Funder: California Energy Commission EPIC grant

A. Purpose: This project will fund the construction of a 1 MW combined heat and power gasification facility in the town of North Fork and then will fund subsequent research by UC Merced into gasification technology and the utilization of forest biomass for bioenergy.

B. Current Activity: Construction is underway. Some contact with Phoenix Energy. We are assessing YSRCDC's role in the project. Reestablish connection with WRTC to determine if the grant is closed out and the YSRCDC part is no longer needed.

C. Outreach: None at this time

D. Decisions: None

E. Counties: Madera

F. Contact: Konno

Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council
FY 2021-22

BoFA Check Register Balance as of 6/01/2022						\$ 3,402.06
Transactions	Categories	Date	Deposits	Debits	Transfers	
payment				\$ (3,327.70)	\$ (7,500.00)	\$ (10,827.70)
deposits			\$ 13,506.59			\$ 13,506.59
boFA check register						\$ 6,080.95
BoFA Credit line 6.25		\$ 50,000.00	\$ (2,500.00)		(\$7,500.00)	\$ 40,000.00
YB Check Register Balance as of 6/1/2022						\$ 125,130.89
YB 1085 NFR	18655.9	12.1.21*		\$ (36,547.95)		
YB1136 trcd	LOST	3.31.22				
YB 1122 UW	18655.9	2.25.22		\$ (46,772.28)		
YB 1132 USFS	1099.10	3.23.22		\$ (132,755.01)		
YB 1149 USFS	18655.10	4.27.22		\$ (377,008.24)		
YB 1150 USFS	void					
YB 1157 TRCD	Apr. payroll	5.5.22		\$ (9,703.70)		\$ (9,703.70)
1159 USFS	1099.9	5.18.22		\$ (10,182.40)		
1160 TRCD	May payroll	5.18.22		\$ (7,951.90)		\$ (7,951.90)
1161 USFS	1099.10	5.18.22		\$ (192,150.27)		
1166 TRCD	March payroll	6.1.22		\$ (9,966.45)		
1167 nfdc	June rent	6.3.22		\$ (388.50)		\$ (388.50)
1168 capuchino	pandemic	6.3.22		\$ (75.98)		\$ (75.98)
1169 lavender	pandemic	6.3.22		\$ (260.00)		\$ (260.00)
1170 ponderosa	utilities	6.4.22		\$ (190.82)		\$ (190.82)
Adobe	software	6.6.22		\$ (50.97)		\$ (50.97)
June payroll	Tax irs	6.13.22		\$ (1,905.36)		\$ (1,905.36)
1171 CSE	17173	6.17.22		\$ (171,200.00)		
1172 Cardno	17173	6.17.22		\$ (408.75)		
1173 UW	18655	6.17.22		\$ (125,508.24)		
1174 USFS	18655	6.17.22		\$ (237,500.30)		
1175 Am Forest	18655	6.17.22		\$ (2,941.98)		
deposits	18655	6.13.22	\$ 480,906.09			\$ 480,906.09
deposits	18655	6.20.22			\$ 963,873.78	
Yosemite Bank	6.31.22			\$ (1,363,469.10)		\$ 585,509.75
Petty Cash			\$ 20.00			

General Funds	(projected)	Q1 OND act.	Q2 JFM act.	Q3 AMJ act.	Q4 JAS act.	Total Act.
Tax/ACCT	\$5,000.00	\$ 510.00				\$510.00
Rent	\$4,662.00	\$ 1,165.50	\$ 1,165.50	\$ 1,165.50		\$3,496.50
Utilities	\$2,040.00	\$ 578.03	\$ 578.00	\$ 572.46		\$1,728.49
Insurance	\$3,000.00	\$ 1,450.00				\$1,450.00
Misc.	\$9,500.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 14.99	\$ 50.97		\$104.96
Admin Payroll	\$26,000.00	\$ 5,158.69	\$ 5,529.22	\$ 4,424.22		\$15,112.13
Benefits	\$2,520.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00			\$840.00
Payroll tax(all)	\$24,000.00	\$ 1,059.00	\$ 10,120.99	\$ 4,189.36	\$2,787.86	\$18,157.21
subtotal indirect	\$76,722.00	\$9,870.22	\$17,828.70	\$10,402.51	\$2,787.86	\$40,889.29
Project Payroll	\$90,000.00	\$21,408.83	\$20,735.10	\$ 15,948.96		\$58,092.89
Benefits	\$12,000.00	\$795.00	\$795.00	\$795.00		\$2,385.00
Subtotal Direct	\$178,722.00	\$22,203.83	\$21,530.10	\$16,743.96	\$0.00	\$60,477.89
Total	\$202,722.00	\$32,074.05	\$39,358.80	\$27,146.47	\$2,787.86	\$101,367.18
Projected 2021		Recvd	Recvd	Recvd	Recvd	total
Indirect income	\$ 196,224.00					
Direct income	\$ 72,726.00					
Projected total	\$ 268,950.00					

Grant	Acct#	Duration	Amount	Holdback %	Admin/PM fee	Exp. Month	Exp. YTD	Billed YTD	Recvd YTD	Grant Balance	A/R Council	A/R Contract	Restricted
										\$ -	\$ 5,600.00		
CFSC	YB 8439	FY 20-21	\$ 3,000.00				\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00			\$ 1,739.68
SNC 1099 Blue Rush	YB 8477	FY-19-22	\$ 999,960.00		\$ 38,450.00	\$200,513.34	\$ 798,834.17	\$ 798,834.17	\$ 599,973.00	\$ 201,065.63	\$ 7,712.00		\$ 5,659.62
Firewise Madera		FY2024	\$ 325,000.00		\$ 32,500.00	\$8,997.32	\$ 38,270.50	\$ 38,270.50	\$ 24,710.91	\$ 286,729.50	\$ 612.00		\$ -
GG18655 So Sierra	YB 8458	FY 19-22	\$ 4,150,000.00	4%	\$ 159,638.24	\$4,160.59	\$ 3,609,711.05	\$ 3,609,711.05	\$ 3,076,336.50	\$ 540,288.95	\$ 14,965.16		\$ 963,873.00
GG17173 Mswmp	YB 8444	FY 18-22	\$ 3,613,747.00		\$ 387,187.00	\$136,201.80	\$ 1,361,133.02	\$ 1,361,133.02	\$ 1,482,854.22	\$ 2,252,613.98	\$ 33,129.83		\$ 181,008.27
SNC943/Sierra Corp	YB 8482	FY20-22	\$ 68,200.00		\$ 6,200.00	\$528.41	\$ 32,205.00	\$ 32,205.00	\$ 23,832.26	\$ 35,995.00	\$ 528.00		\$ 58.00
PGE 2021	YB 8463	FY2021								\$ -			\$ -
General													
Educ. Fund		FY17-21	\$ 2,332.50										\$ (2,332.50)
Comm. Outreach		FY17-21	\$ 17,869.00										\$ (17,869.00)
										\$ 62,546.99			\$ -