



Minutes

YOSEMITE/SEQUOIA RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Full Council Meeting
Thursday, July 27 2023, 10:00 AM
HYBRID- Premier Valley Bank, Oakhurst Branch, and Zoom

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COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:05

am

Council President retroactively called the meeting to order as a quorum still needed to be met; it was understood that one or more voting council members would arrive shortly.

GENERAL BUSINESS

-Introductions & Roll Call

In attendance:

Executive Council: In Person-Nathan Magsig (NM), Lynn Gorman (LG), Eddie Valero (EV)

Staff: In Person-Erin Capuchino (EC), Mi-Ling Wong (MLW)

Via Zoom- Hazel Lavender (HL), Raini Patterson

Council Members: Eastern Madera FSC – Ashely Burns, Coarsegold RCD - Jon Cottingham, Sierra Vista Scenic Byway - Doug Waltner, Sierra RCD – Kelly Kucharski, North Fork Rancheria- Daniel Aguayo, Mariposa Firesafe Council- Barbara Cone,

Guests: Tulare County - Denise England and Doreen Alvez, Busy Bee Accounting- Sandra Adelizi, Kern County Supervisor- Phillip Peters, Kern Firesafe Council- Wendy Ward

-President's Opening Statement – 4 members short of quorum so it'll be a short meeting; NM attended a meeting in Texas where they'll be getting Washington involved in fire insurance rates lowered.

-Updates from Executive Committee - None

-Director and Project Report – EC updated the council on each current project and grant application; details can be found on the P&P report.

-Current projects and Grant Applications

-5GG17173 Madera Strategic Wildfire Mitigation Project; **Ending soon**

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

-SNC 943 RFFC - WIP Capacity Program Subgrant – South Subregion; **Ending soon**

-SNC 1099 Blue Rush Site Preparation and Stand Maintenance Project; **Ending soon**

-Dinkey Creek Collaborative Agreement

-Madera County Title III Firewise Coordination Program/CA Firewise County Coordinator

-EPIC 14-003 Watershed Research and Training Center Bioenergy Plant

-SNC 972 RFFC - WIP Capacity Program Subgrant

-5GA21213 Eastern Madera County 2023 Winter Storm Fire Hazard Mitigation; **Newly**

Awarded!!

NEW BUSINESS

-RP fellowship ending at end of August and Y/S is exploring options to keep her on as a full-time, permanent Project Manager

OLD BUSINESS

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-CERF collaboration meeting August 23

- MOU and dues- only 2 MOU's have been signed and submitted. EC reminded Council members to please sign and submit MOU along with dues

SPONSOR & PARTNER UPDATES

CALFIRE- award letters sent, next round open in Aug or Sept.

Tulare County- EV attended Wasona's meet and greet and concerned with issues they're having and would like to encourage Y/S and partners to help out. Doreen- reparation of roads in Aug, meeting scheduled in Aug to touch base on needs in communities.

Sierra Scenic Byway – Planning on having all roads repaired by end of summer to make byway available.

Mariposa Firesafe Council- awarded 2 grants from CALFIRE. Wagner Ridge fuel break complete.

Kern County – working on shovel ready projects and working to increase outreach and education, 40 homes for assessment.

Eastern Madera Firesafe Council- received CALFIRE grant and SNC fuel break grant.

Coarsegold RCD- 6 new Firewise communities with 5 more in the works. Received CALFIRE grant.

Sierra RCD – SRCD has many projects in progress including Big Sandy work crew project, Americorps-fuel reduction, 2 big grants, 9 Firewise communities in Fresno County and Firewise Picnic Sept 30.

North Fork Rancheria- Daniel Aguayo newest Chief Administrative Officer.

Y/S Media Report- presented by Mi-Ling, started new TikTok to engage younger crowd. Increase live updates, site visits and events.

NM: 3 things to focus on to increase authenticity: 1. Who we are and who is on the board
2. What we are doing 3. Why it matters.

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11:00 am

Future Meeting Date(s)

- Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday-, 8/24/2023 @ 9:30 am
- Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday-, 9/28/2023 @ 9:30 am
- **Y/S Annual Meeting, 10/26/2023**