

MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Truax Building
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor
Temecula, CA 92590

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Rose Corona (President), Randy Feeney (Director), Lisa Battiato (Director)

Directors Absent: Stacy Kuhns (Director), Dave Kuhlman (Vice President)

Associate Directors Present: Rick Neugebauer, Newt Parkes,

Associate Directors Absent: None

Office Manager: Barb Dalton – Present

District Counsel: Ward Simmons, Best, Best & Krieger – Absent

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS): Robert Hewitt – Present

Guest Speakers: Jonathan Snapp-Cook, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Bob Cullen, Riverside County Flood Control
Joan Valle, Riverside County Flood Control
Teri Biancardi, Meadowview
Mary, Meadowview
Dave Thomas, Meadowview

Public Guests: None

Approval of Agenda

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Battiato moved and Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

II. CONSENT CALENDAR, CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL INFORMATION

President Corona called for a motion to approve the consent calendar, financials, and correspondence and Director Feeney moved and Director Battiato seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Meadowview Presentation

Teri Biancardi provided some background on phase one of the Meadowview stream and is proposing they partner with TEAMRCD on phase two. General information and conversation were provided by Mary and Dave with the Meadowview Homeowner's Association along with Jonathan Snapp-Cook with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Bob Cullen with Riverside County Flood Control. President Corona indicated that a couple of Board members were missing and therefore, decisions on where Board stood would have to wait until a full Board was present. Once the entire Board is together, they will revisit and respond accordingly.

Item 1: Discussion and potential approval to appoint Lisa Battiato to head the CropSwap and Water Efficiency programs and to create progress reports.

President Corona moved to appoint Lisa Battiato to oversee the CropSwap and Water Efficiency programs and to create a report as to the progress of said programs over the last five years for the benefit of TEAMRCD, Rancho Water and the Bureau of Reclamation. Director Feeney seconded followed by general discussion. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

Item 2: Discussion and potential approval to approve the New State Level Memorandum of Agreement between NRCS, CARCD and individual Resource Conservations Districts.

Bob Hewitt gave a brief overview and general discussion on how this agreement outlines what is being done, what is offered and that they have agreed to work in partnership. President Corona moved to approve the signing of the agreement. Director Bottiatio seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1: Update on Homeless Task Force.

Associate Director Parkes reported that the meeting held on December 5th, 2019 was canceled and President Corona attended the meeting on December 30th in Director Parkes absence. The summary of the meeting was review and discussed. Bob Hewitt offered to attend the next meeting on February 27, 2020. No motion necessary.

Item 2: Update and discussion on CDFW reports.

Mandy Parkes, Executive Director of the Inland Empire RCD came to report on their monitoring reports for CDFW. TEAMRCD and IERCD have an executed Memorandum of Understanding which allows us to collaborate on work. President Corona and Ms. Parkes have a meeting in the coming week with the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission to go over the terms of the MOU. General discussion on different ways to work together. Various recommendations by IERCD as to the Conservation Easements are proposed by IERCD. President Corona will check with TEAMRCD accountant and provide average numbers to see what TEAM RCD can afford to do in these areas with the available funds in the account. No motion necessary.

Item 3: Update of the TEAMRCD website.

No update provided as Director Feeney is ill. No motion necessary.

Item 4: Update on Long Term Streambed Agreement meeting.

President Corona reports that Heather Pert from Fish and Wildlife has not responded to emails. No motion necessary.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: Update and re-address baseline funding for TEAMRCD and SAWA.

President Corona requests to table and move to the next meeting. No motion necessary.

Item 2: Discussion and update CDFW cannabis program.

Director Kuhns not present. No report given. No motion necessary.

Item 3: Discussion and potential to work with AmeriCorps on Robin Hood Estates project in conjunction with Flood Control.

General discussion on the Robin Hood Estates that was affected by the Holy Fire in June of 2019. President Corona reported that the Rubicon Group was able to assist Riverside County Flood Control and TEAMRCD did not need to step in. TEAMRCD can still help if disaster happens and they would partner with NRCS. No motion necessary.

Item 4: Form 700 for January 2020

Barb Dalton reported that Director Feeney and Director Kuhns still need to complete and submit their form 700. Associate Director Neugebauer just needed to provide a copy as his form is submitted through SAWA. No motion necessary.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS

NRCS

Bob Hewitt reports that he is now working with 15 cooperators in the area and continued work is going forward.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Director Parkes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. President Corona seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.


Secretary/Treasurer