

CCRCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the **Contra Costa Resource Conservation District** was held Tuesday, November 16, 2021 by teleconferencing and in person at Industrious, Concord, CA

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Igor Skaredoff, Walter Pease, Lorena Castillo, Bethallyn Black & Renee Fernandez-Lipp (8:40 a.m.)

ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT: Bob Peoples, Bob Simmons & Angela Vincent

RCD STAFF PRESENT: Chris Lim, Patty Pell & Ben Weise

DIRECTORS EXCUSED: None absent

NRCS STAFF PRESENT: None present

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR, Igor Skaredoff at 8:32 A.M.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: BROWN ACT, SECTION (54954.2(B) (2))

DETERMINATION THAT A NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION EXISTS:

Due to timing, Item 2.9 Agreement with Fibershed was presented to the Board for addition by Ben Weise. Walter Pease made a motion to add item 2.9 to the agenda. Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (Renee Fernandez-Lipp arrived)

Item 1- October 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Item 2- October 2021 Financials

Walter Pease made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

DETERMINATION ITEMS:

2.1 Consider Approving Policy #4215-Brown Act Compliance. Following a few recommended edits, Walter Pease made a motion to approve Policy #4215 with revisions. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

2.2 Consider Approving Vaccination Policy. Following a discussion including recommended revisions and suggestions, the Board decided to postpone the motion for further revisions.

2.3 Consider Approving Resolution 2021-04 authorizing CCRCD Staff to apply to the Delta Conservancy Proposition 1 Grant Program. Ben Weise presented the Board with pictures of the areas involved with illustrations of the project. Following the presentation, Walter Pease made a

motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 as presented. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

2.4 Consider Approving CDFA Healthy Soils Program Technical Assistance Provider Grant. Following a brief discussion, Bethallyn Black made a motion to approve the CDFA Healthy Soil Program Technical Assistance Grant. Walter Pease seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

2.5 Consider Approving Resolution 2021-05 authorizing CCRCD staff to apply to the CA Department of Conservation Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Grant Program. Following a brief discussion, Walter Pease made a motion to approve staff applying to the CA Dept. of Conservation Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Grant Program. Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

2.6 Consider Approving contract with Earth Island for partnership with CA Urban Streams Partnership and Streamside Management Program for Landowners in Contra Costa County. Chris Lim briefly described the project, the partnership and CCRCD's responsibilities. Following the discussion, Bethallyn Black made a motion to approve the contract with Earth Island. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

2.7 Consider Approving pay increases for Daniel Correa and Derek Emmons. After some discussion on pay structure as well as CCRCD's policy on Paid Time Off (PTO), Walter Pease made a motion to approve the recommended increase in salary retroactive to September 2021 excluding the increase in PTO. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0 with Renee Fernandez-Lipp abstaining.

2.8 Consider Approving Resolution 2021-06 nominating Igor Skaredoff to continue serving on the Local Agency Formation Commission. Following a brief description from Igor Skaredoff as to the function of LAFO, Walter Pease made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 nominating Igor Skaredoff to continue serving on LAFO Commission. Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0 with Igor Skaredoff abstaining.

2.9 Consider Approving agreement with Fibershed. After Ben Weise described the program and timing, Lorena Castillo made a motion to approve to approve the agreement with Fibershed as presented. Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

PRESENTATION: Igor Skaredoff, CCRCD Board President, presented his background to the Board and explained the pathway leading him to preside over the CCRCD.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

3.1 Chris Lim updated the Board on the status of the JEDI position as well as the collaboration with other RCDs.

3.2 Since several Board members had left the meeting for prior commitments by this time, the discussion on updating CCRCD's strategic plan was postponed.

REPORTS:

4.1 NRCS Report—Ben Weise updated the Board on NRCS’ Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP) deadlines and joint programs between CCRCDD and NRCS. Ben Weise ended his report with NRCS’ staffing updates.

4.2 President Reports— No report given.

4.3 Directors’ Reports – Bob Peoples noted his appreciation for the RCD offering the public both in-person and teleconferencing options to attend Board meetings.

4.4 Staff Reports—There were no questions on staff reports.

4.5 Executive Director Reports – No report given

Igor Skaredoff Adjourned the Meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Patty Pell, Clerk of the Board, CCRCDD