

CCRCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the **Contra Costa Resource Conservation District** was held Tuesday, January 18, 2022 by teleconference.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Igor Skaredoff, Walter Pease, Lorena Castillo, Bethallyn Black & Renee Fernandez-Lipp

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

RCD STAFF PRESENT: Chris Lim, Patty Pell & Heidi Petty (9:15 a.m.)

DIRECTORS EXCUSED: None absent

NRCS STAFF PRESENT: None present

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR, Igor Skaredoff at 8:34 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:

No additional items added.

PRESENTATION: Colleen Haley, CSDA Field Coordinator, joined the meeting to congratulate and present CCRCD with the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence. Colleen Haley finished her presentation by thanking staff for their hard work and noting the importance of transparency within Special Districts and how this Certificate contributes to that goal.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 1- November 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Item 2- November 2021 Financials

Item 3- December 2021 Financials

Walter Pease made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

DETERMINATION ITEMS:

2.1 Consider Approving Resolution 2022-01-Initial Adoption of AB361. Following a discussion on the purpose of AB361 and the requirements, Walter Pease made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

2.2 Consider Approving Resolution 2022-02-Subsequent 30-day adoption of AB361. Following a brief discussion on the purpose of Resolution 2022-02 and how it relates to Resolution 2022-01, Walter Pease made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-02. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

2.3 Consider Approving Vaccination Policy. Following a discussion on the status of COVID, the current recommendations and intended purpose of the policy including recommended revisions, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the COVID Vaccination Policy with revisions, Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Motion pass 4-1 with Renee Fernandez-Lipp voting no.

2.4 Consider Approving MOU with Rodeo Citizens Association. Heidi Petty updated the Board on the history and the status of this project. Following the discussion, Bethallyn Black made a motion to approve the Executive Director signing the MOU as presented. Walter Pease seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

2.5 Consider Approving Letter of Intent to State Lands Commission. Heidi Petty gave a presentation describing the need for the letter, the goals of the project, followed by a map illustrating the area. Following the presentation, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the Board President signing the Letter of Intent with the State Lands Commission. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

3.1 Chris Lim updated the Board on the status of the JEDI position, the collaboration with other RCDs and mentioned the possibility of working with CARCD.

3.2 Chris Lim opened up discussion on reimbursement for continuing education. After some discussion, the Board requested a policy addressing the issues discussed be presented for approval.

REPORTS:

4.1 NRCS Report—Chris Lim gave a brief update on NRCS.

4.2 President Reports—Igor Skaredoff briefly mentioned an ongoing issue relating to the closed bank account at BofA. Igor Skaredoff ended by noting his pleasure that CCRCD has a program aimed at restoring the monarch population.

4.3 Directors' Reports – Bethallyn Black presented the Board with her background and the pathway she took to the RCD.

Renee Fernandez-Lipp offered her compliments to the webpage and the online post of the annual report.

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

4.5 Executive Director Reports – Chris Lim updated the Board on several fundraising opportunities as well as outstanding grants. Chris Lim finished by mentioning his participation in the Delta Leadership Program with a brief description of the collaboration.

Igor Skaredoff Adjourned the Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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

08:39:27 From Chris Lim to Everyone:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/native-land/id1194356597>

09:14:48 From John Cain to Everyone:

Here is a very excellent podcast on Covid testing:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/omicron-testing-your-top-20-questions-answered-with/id1504128553?i=1000547396721>

09:49:12 From John Cain to Everyone:

I love the elderberry idea. Great habitat and I have a great elderberry jam recipe.

10:00:37 From John Cain to Everyone:

Very exciting work on the Crockett Water Front. Great staff reports! Wish I could stay, but I have to leave for another commitment.

10:44:08 From Angela Vincent to Everyone:

Thank you!