

## **CCRCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the **Contra Costa Resource Conservation District** was held Tuesday, June 21, 2022 by teleconference.

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

**ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Bob Peoples

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

**NRCS STAFF PRESENT:** Brenda Phrankonekham & Julie Meyers

**DIRECTORS EXCUSED:** Lorena Castillo

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR, Igor Skaredoff at 8:35 A.M.**

**INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No public in attendance

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

DETERMINATION THAT A NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION EXISTS:

No item added

**NRCS REPORT:** Brenda Phrankonekham, Soil Conservationist, NRCS, updated the Board on funding selections. Brenda Phrakonekham finished with an updated status on staffing and the recruiting process.

**PRESENTATION:** Victoria Woolfolk, Watershed Conservation Coordinator, CCRCD. Victoria Woolfolk introduced herself and described her education and previous work experience. Victoria Woolfolk ended by mentioning that she will be in charge of the Alhambra Watershed for the District.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Item 1- May 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Item 2- Resolution 2022-08 30 day extension of AB361

Walter Pease made a motion to approve the Items # 1 & 2 of the consent calendar as presented. Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0.

### **DETERMINATION ITEMS:**

**8.1** Consider Approving contract with the Carbon Cycle Institute. Ben Weise discussed the partnerships involved with this “Healthy Lands, Healthy People” project, describing the purpose to develop a Carbon Farm Plan to sequester carbon. Following the discussion, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the contract with Carbon Cycle Institute. Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0

**8.2** Consider Approving contract with the Contra Costa Farm Bureau for work related to the “Healthy Lands, Healthy People” project. Ben Weise described the benefits of building cooperation with local farmer and developing an outreach plan for collaboration with the local Farm Bureau. Following this discussion, Bethallyn Black made a motion to approve the contract with Contra Costa Farm Bureau. Walter Pease seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0

**8.3** Consider approving contract with Restoration Design Group for work related to the Marsh Creek Restoration Planning Grant. Ben Weise presented the plan to the Board mentioning that it is the contract for work already presented. Following a few questions and answers, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the contract with Restoration Design Group for work on the Marsh Creek Restoration Planning Grant. Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0

**8.4** Consider approval of FY 2022-2023 Budget. Chris Lim presented the proposed budget by listing the grants included in the budget and explaining the projected staff increases. After noting that the Finance committee met and recommends the budget, Walter Pease made a motion to accept the proposed FY 2022-2023 budget as presented. Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

**9.1** Chris Lim updated the Board on CARCD's JEDI policy, noting that the meetings are continuing. The Board finished by inquiring whether there was anything the District could do to assist CARCD in this process.

**9.2** Chris Lim led a discussion on the current COVID status as well as local counties' reaction and new policies being implemented. A discussion followed with a recommendation to review the District's COVID policy. In the end, the Board agreed that returning to in-person meetings should be done with caution.

**REPORTS:**

**10.1** President Reports— Igor Skaredoff graciously noted that this was his last meeting as the President of the District and offered his congratulations and confidence in his successor, Walter Pease. Igor Skaredoff ended his report with an update of his participation in many other agencies.

**10.2** Directors' Reports – Renee Fernandez-Lipp offered her gratitude to Igor Skaredoff for all the work he has done for the Board as well as the respectful environment he created.

**10.3** Staff Reports— There were no questions on the reports.

**10.4** Executive Director Reports – Chris Lim reported on the current status of several outstanding grants and finished by giving an update on a couple of current contracts and projects.

**Igor Skaredoff Adjourned the Meeting at 10:19 a.m.**

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

08:49:49 From Julie Meyers (she/hers) to Everyone:

Woo UCD!!

09:06:07 From Brenda Phrakonekham (NRCS) to Everyone:

Hi everyone, I have a phone call set up - thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of NRCS! If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to ask Julie or myself :) Have a great week!

09:08:09 From Ben Weise (Contra Costa) (he/him) to Everyone:

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/8465/Healthy-Lands-Healthy-People---A-Carbon->

09:59:05 From Julie Meyers (she/hers) to Everyone:

Hi all, I have to jump off for another meeting. Thank you for letting us sit in and give some NRCS updates!

10:23:57 From Ben Weise (Contra Costa) (he/him) to Everyone:

<https://opr.ca.gov/docs/NOE.pdf>