

CCRCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the **Contra Costa Resource Conservation District** was held Tuesday, November 15, 2022 by teleconference.

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

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

RCD STAFF PRESENT: Chris Lim & Patty Pell

NRCS STAFF PRESENT: Jarryd Brackett

DIRECTORS EXCUSED: Lorena Castillo & Bethallyn Black

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR, Walter Pease at 8:35 A.M.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Ave Brown, Walnut Creek Watershed Council Member

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

DETERMINATION THAT A NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION EXISTS:

No items added.

NRCS REPORT: Jarryd Brackett reported that the NRCS is completing modification for the last fiscal year and accepting new applications for upcoming Spring funding.

PRESENTATION: Bob Simmons, President of the Walnut Creek Watershed Council, presented the Watershed Restoration Plan by describing the planning process, activities, and next steps. Bob Simmons finished by thanking the Board for their time and acknowledged that the Board will need to discuss their involvement in this work with WCWC.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 1- October 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Item 2- Resolution 2022-14 30 day extension of AB361

Item 3- October 2022 Financials

Renee Fernandez-Lipp made a motion to approve Items #1, 2 & 3 of the consent calendar as presented. Igor Skaredoff seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

DETERMINATION ITEMS:

8.1 Consider Approving Resolution 2022-15 Nominating Walter Pease as voting delegate at the CARCD. Following a brief discussion on the dates of the CARCD conference, Igor Skaredoff made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-15. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0

8.2 Consider Approving Letter of Authorization for the CA Coastal Commission's Whale Tail grant program for Ever-changing Delta. Following Chris Lim's project summary, Igor Skaredoff made a motion to approve the Letter of Authorization for the CA Coastal Commission's Whale Tail grant for the ever-changing Delta program. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0

8.3 Consider Approving Letter of Authorization for the CA Coastal Commission's Whale Tail grant program for STREAM Camp. Chris Lim described the summer camp project for girls from disadvantaged communities in the 3rd-5th grades. Following this discussion, Igor Skaredoff made a motion to approve the Letter of Authorization for the CA Coastal Commission's Whale Tail grant for STREAM Camp. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0

8.4 Consider post-approval of letter of Support for Agroecology Commons' proposal to the WesternSare's Professional Development program. Chris Lim briefly described the intent of the program enabling staff to attend professional conferences with the goal of presenting at various conferences. Following this discussion, Renee Fernandez-Lipp made a motion to post-approve the Letter of Support for Agroecology Commons. Igor Skaredoff seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0

DISCUSSION ITEM:

9.1 Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion: Chris Lim updated the Board on the JEDI meetings and finished by noting that he will be among the board presenting on CARCD's JEDI policy at the CARCD conference.

9.2 COVID Update: Chris Lim mentioned that the emergency proclamation allowing for remote meetings will be ending soon. Therefore, public meetings will be resuming in 2023 with slight changes to the Brown Act. Further information from the county and other regulatory bodies will be forthcoming with more details.

9.3 Audit Planning Communications: Patty Pell presented a letter of Communication from Charles Pillon, C.P.A regarding the planning of the upcoming FY 2021-2022 audit.

REPORTS:

10.1 President Reports— Walter Pease mentioned he attended the EcoFest meeting in Pleasant Hill and stated the desire to be informed of upcoming RCD's event opportunities. Chris Lim, Patty Pell and Eric Akesson will meet on how best to communicate staff involvement in local events.

10.2 Directors' Reports –There were no other reports

10.3 Staff Reports— Walter Pease asked a couple of questions clarifying work performed as reported in staff activity reports and inquired into the results of a meeting.

10.4 Executive Director Reports – Chris Lim mentioned that a new Resource Management module has been implemented in the time/expense app currently being used, Clicktime. This new module allows for more timely grant tracking. Chris Lim followed up with the following grant updates:

- Meeting with Delta Conservancy tomorrow for Little Franks Tract
- 2 Whale Tail grants - environmental education, just approved
- Friends of NACD - small grant to fund garden and CCRCDD staff time at Cal State East Bay Concord
- Contra Costa Fish and Wildlife Committee - in January, staff starting to think about materials and supplies.
- DWR Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program - Turf replacement. \$3 million over 3 years. Thinking about a holistic process for pre visit, design, implementation with greywater, rain water harvesting, etc?

Walter Pease Adjourned the Meeting at 9:58 a.m.

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

08:33:43 From renee to Everyone:

Trying to change microphone settings

08:47:52 From renee to Everyone:

Can we get a copy of this presentation? I don't see it in the board packet.

08:49:26 From Bob Peoples to Everyone:

I'd like to have a copy also

08:50:06 From Lisa Damerel, Contra Costa RCD to Everyone:

I will share the presentation with Patty for dissemination.

08:57:41 From Lisa Damerel, Contra Costa RCD to Everyone:

wcwatershed.org/Arundo-map

09:05:54 From renee to Everyone:

In my area, our creeks are being used as homeless encampments. Will this issue be addressed in the plan?

09:22:53 From avebrown to Everyone:

Hi all, I need to drop off for another appointment. Great comments thank you!

09:23:14 From Chris Lim, CCRCd to Everyone:

Thanks Ave

09:25:21 From Jarryd Brackett to Everyone:

I need to leave the meeting because of poor internet connection here, thank you for letting me get my section in late. Take care all

09:28:57 From Chris Lim, CCRCd to Everyone:

Thanks Jarryd

09:31:35 From John Cain to Everyone:

Igor or others. I would really like to engage tribal groups in the Dutch Slough planning and stewardship efforts. Could anyone suggest a tribal contact?

09:41:56 From Lisa Damerel, Contra Costa RCD to Everyone:

EcoFest

09:44:35 From Lisa Damerel, Contra Costa RCD to Everyone:

<https://www.ccrkd.org/events>

09:47:28 From renee to Everyone:

I have a hard stop at 10am

09:52:15 From Lisa Damerel, Contra Costa RCD to Everyone:

Suisun RCD does some of that in Suisun Bay

09:54:47 From John Cain to Everyone:

Everyone is invited to join us at Dutch Slough on Thursday a 1:00. Let me know if you are interested and I will get you directions.
09:56:14 From Lisa Damerel, Contra Costa RCD to Everyone:

Thanks! I'm interested, however multiple CCRCD staff members and I will be doing our final Xerces monarch kit planting that day...hopefully, in the future....
09:57:02 From John Cain to Everyone:

There will be future Dutch Slough tours and I will make sure to extend the invite broadly if you cannot come on Thursday.
09:57:13 From Lisa Damerel, Contra Costa RCD to Everyone:

Thanks!
09:57:24 From Lisa Damerel, Contra Costa RCD to Everyone:

I have a meeting starting at 10 am. Nice to see you all!