

CCRCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the **Contra Costa Resource Conservation District** was held Tuesday, July 19, 2022 by teleconference.

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

ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT: Bob Peoples & Bob Simmons

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

NRCS STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Phrankonekham

DIRECTORS EXCUSED: Bethallyn Black

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR, Walter Pease at 8:39 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 and NRCS staffing.

PRESENTATION: Lydia Lapporte, Watershed Conservation Coordinator, CCRCD. Lydia Lapporte introduced herself describing her education and background. Lydia Lapporte ended her presentation by sharing her local conservation experience and explaining her duties at CCRCD.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 1- June 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Item 2- Resolution 2022-09 30 day extension of AB361

Item 3- May 2022 Financials

Following a recommendation to list grants included in Chris Lim's monthly updates, Igor Skaredoff made a motion to approve the Items # 1, 2 & 3 of the consent calendar as presented. Walter Pease seconded the motion. Lorena Castillo abstains. Motion passes 3:0.

DETERMINATION ITEMS:

8.1 Consider Approving Resolution 2022-07 extending current financial reporting period to 90 days at fiscal year end. Patty Pell discussed the purpose and the financial consequences of approving this Resolution. Following a recommendation made by Bob Peoples to edit one word, Igor Skaredoff made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 with the recommended correction. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0

8.2 Consider Approving VLP-25 Project for inclusion within the Voluntary Local Program. Ben Weise described all locations, current status and a brief description of each VLP project. Ben Weise finished by mentioning the funding sources and giving an update on other VLP past projects. Following this discussion,

Walter Pease made a motion to approve the VLP-25 contract. Igor Skaredoff seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0

8.3 Consider approving VLP-26 Project for inclusion within the Voluntary Local Program. Following Ben Weise presentation on the VLP projects, Renee Fernandez-Lipp made a motion to approve VLP-26. Igor Skaredoff seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0

8.4 Consider approval VLP-27 Project for inclusion within the Voluntary Local Program. Once again, following Ben Weise presentation on the VLP projects, Igor Skaredoff made a motion to approve VLP-27. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0

8.5 Consider approval of contract with Carbon Cycle Institute. Ben Weise updated the Board on this revised contract presented at last month's Board meeting. Following a few questions, Igor Skaredoff made a motion to approve the contract with Carbon Cycle Institute as presented. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0

DISCUSSION ITEM:

9.1 Chris Lim updated the Board on CARCD's JEDI policy, noting the status of the draft charter. Chris Lim finished by announcing a JEDI committee will meet on August 2, 2022.

9.2 Chris Lim led a discussion on the current COVID status. A discussion followed with recommendations to ensure the District's COVID policy is written to allow for changing regulations.

9.3 Ben Weise and Chris Lim explained the availability of the Block Grant funding for Wildfires Resilience through CARCD. Ben Weise explained the duration, time involved and plans for outreach to landowners.

REPORTS:

10.1 President Reports— Walter Pease reported that he attended the IPC (Invasive Plant Council) Conference. The Invasive Pest Control with cattle talk could be related to VLP water for cattle projects.

10.2 Directors' Reports –Igor Skaredoff reported how he is managing Fire mitigation on his personal residence with updates on obtaining water from Central Sanitation. Igor Skaredoff finished by updating the Board on his visit to the Rodeo Creek Watershed.

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

10.4 Executive Director Reports – Chris Lim reported that he is developing internal organization teams to better facilitate discussion along programmatic meetings. Chris Lim updated the Board on the following grants:

- Grant submitted to CA Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA), in partnership with Frog Hollow Farm and Urban Edge Farm, and Antioch Charter School to help fund summer field trips for underserved students and increase food production to serve local school.
- Another grant through the Keller Canyon mitigation fund to provide EcoStewards workdays with other organizations within the Keller Canyon service area.
- NRCS Contributions agreement with the local Concord office to help fund more outreach to local farmers for NRCS programs.

Chris Lim finished by mentioning the results of the Delta Conservative meeting on the Franks Track restoration.

Walter Pease Adjourned the Meeting at 9:57 a.m.