

**Contra Costa Resource Conservation District**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the **Contra Costa Resource Conservation District** was held Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at Diablo Valley College and via teleconferencing.

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

**ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Bob Peoples

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

**NRCS STAFF PRESENT:** Not present

**DIRECTORS EXCUSED:** None absent

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR, Walter Pease at 8:32 A.M.**

**INTRODUCTION:** No introductions

**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 items added.

**NRCS REPORT:** Not present

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

7.1 November 21, 2023 Board Minutes

7.2 November 2023 Financials

Bethallyn Black made a motion to approved Item 7.1- November 21, 2023 Board Minutes and 7.2 November 2023 Financials as presented. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0

**DETERMINATION ITEMS:**

**8.1** Consider Executive Director signing Letter of Support for Contra Costa County application to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning grant program to conduct the Bay Point Enhanced Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Study. Following Chris Lim explaining the revisions made to the original letter, Lorena Castillo made a motion to approve the Executive Director signation the letter of Support for Contra Costa County application to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning grant. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0.

**8.2** Consider Executive Director signing contract with the Martinez Kiwanis Foundation for the Alhambra Way Mural Project. Following Chris Lim describing the purpose of the contract and updating the Board on the status of the mural, Igor Skaredoff made a motion to approve the Executive Director signing the contract with Martinez Kiwanis Foundation. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0

**8.3** Consider approval of contract with Aspen Environmental Group for services related to cultural resources assessment on the livestock pond restoration projects. Following a discussion on the contract and the reason behind the study, Renee Fernandez-Lipp made a motion to approve contract with Aspen Environmental Group as presented. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0.

**DISCUSSION:** No discussion items.

**REPORTS:**

**10.1** President Reports— Walter Pease wished everyone a happy holiday season, along with an reminder to stay up-to-date on required compliance items and ended with a friendly reminder to not talk business at tomorrow's Holiday luncheon.

**10.2** Directors' Reports – Renee Fernandez-Lipp reported back from the CARCD Conference she recently attended. Renee Fernandez-Lipp reported that she met many directors and found the conference to be inspiring. Renee Fernandez-Lipp felt she had greatly increased connections with the RCDs, the various projects and the many partners. Renee Fernandez-Lipp called attention to the training held on working with tribal native peoples.

**10.3** Staff Reports— No questions

**10.4** Executive Director Reports –

Chris Lim started his presentation by giving his review of the CARCD conference. Chris Lim updated the Board on staffing and the CSUEB project to include community feedback sessions.

Chris Lim then ended with the following funding opportunities:

Applied:

- Partnership with CREEC to lead fieldtrips.
- Farm to School grant. Gills to Green to install aquaponics.
- Potential projects working with the Watershed Project in Rodeo and Bethel Island for a grant from the Strategic Growth Council

Renee Fernandez-Lipp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bethallyn Black seconded the motion. Walter Pease Adjourned the Meeting at 9:14 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted, Patty Pell, Board Clerk, CCRCD**