

CCRCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the **Contra Costa Resource Conservation District** was held Tuesday, July 20, 2021 by teleconferencing

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Igor Skaredoff, Walter Pease, and Lorena Castillo

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

RCD STAFF PRESENT: Chris Lim, Patty Pell, Elissa Robinson, Ben Weise, Lisa Anich & Miranda Shuba

DIRECTORS EXCUSED: Renee Fernandez-Lipp & Bethallyn Black

NRCS STAFF PRESENT: Clarimer Hernandez

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

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Josh Bradt, Environmental Planner, San Francisco Estuary Partnership

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

DETERMINATION THAT A NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION EXISTS:

None added.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Walter Pease made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

PRESENTATION: Josh Bradt, San Francisco Estuary Partnership presented their Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program. Josh Bradt explained the goals and objectives of program briefly describing the trust, water testing and Estuary plans for partners in the program.

DETERMINATION ITEMS:

2.1 Consider Approving Rental Contract at Industrious, Concord, CA. Chris Lim briefly described how he anticipates using the new office. The Board followed up with concerns about the contract in its current form. Following the discussion, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the rental contract subject to review by both the Board President and the Executive Director. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

2.2 Consider Approving an amendment to the DACTIP contract with Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Elissa Robinson and Lisa Anich explained the purpose of the amendment. Following the discussion, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

2.3 Consider approving Interagency Agreement with Contra Costa Department of Conservation and Development for Healthy Lands, Healthy People grant. Ben Weise described the program and CCRCD's role in the program as well as other potential usage. Following the discussion, Lorena Castillo made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Walter Pease seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

2.4 Consider approving subcontract for Cal State East Bay urban garden. Following a brief discussion of the work that will be performed by the subcontractor and explaining that the CCRCD will be reimbursed for the cost, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the subcontract as presented. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

2.5 Consider approving contract for Gills to Green with USDA-Farm to School grant program. Following a brief discussion on the focus of the program, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the subcontract as presented. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

2.6 Consider approving subcontract for Hyphae Design Lab on the DACTIP program. Chris Lim introduced the subcontractor clarifying that the subcontractor would be used to address concerns identified in phase 1 of the program. Following the discussion, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the subcontract as presented. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

3.1 Elissa Robinson gave an update on the proposed JEDI position and introduced the idea of coordinating with other RCDs. A discussion followed on ways to highlight JEDI procedures for Staff and Board as well as ensuring JEDI priorities are included in the development of the strategic plan currently being developed. Elissa Robinson mentioned that the CARCD has a committee on JEDI issues and mentioned that she will update the Board on any developments.

REPORTS:

4.1 NRCS Report—Clarimer Hernandez updated the Board on the last EQIP batch. Clarimer Hernandez finished up introducing NRCS's new EQIP-CIC program designed to offer drought assistance.

4.2 President Reports— Igor Skaredoff mentioned an article in the Bay Nature magazine on fires and mapping fire areas. Igor Skaredoff finished by sharing that Society for Science magazine had an informative article on the promise and pitfalls of relying on trees to solve climate change.

4.3 Directors' Reports – John Cain mentioned that he is concerned with increase reliance on cutting down vegetation for fire suppression. John Cain considered the role CCRCDC can have in vegetation management for fire mitigation purposes and CCRCDC's role in building public awareness.

4.4 Staff Reports—The Board had no questions on staff reports, however, Board members mentioned that they appreciate the local community involvement and the diversity of projects.

4.5 Executive Director Reports – Chris Lim ended the meeting with updates on outstanding grants opportunities.

Igor Skaredoff Adjourned the Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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