

CCRCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2021

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Igor Skaredoff, Walter Pease, and Renee Fernandez-Lipp
Bethallyn Black arrived for item 3.2.

ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT: Bob Peoples, Bob Simmons, John Cain, Jackie Garcia Mann, Angela Vincent & Ryan Sherring

RCD STAFF PRESENT: Chris Lim, Patty Pell, Elissa Robinson & Derek Emmons

DIRECTORS EXCUSED: Lorena Castillo

NRCS STAFF PRESENT: Clarimer Hernandez

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR, Igor Skaredoff at 8:32 A.M.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Wade Finlinson, Contra Costa County Public Works, Integrated Pest Management Program

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. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Consent Calendar approved 3:0.

PRESENTATION:

1.1 Derek Emmons, Agriculture Conservation Coordinator, CCRCD. Following a brief introduction, Derek Emmons give the Board a brief description of his background and experience. Derek Emmons ended his presentation illustrating the work he is doing with the CCRCD.

DETERMINATION ITEMS:

2.1 Consider Approving Agreement with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD). Chris Lim, Executive Director, briefly described the scope of services and the reimbursement included in the agreement. Following the discussion, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

2.2 Consider Approving the Memorandum of Agreement with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). Chris Lim, Executive Director, described the technical assistance involved with the agreement and noted that it would allow the continuation of Derek Emmons' position with the CCRCD. Following the discussion, Walter Pease made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

3.1 Bob Simmons along with Elissa Robinson alerted the Board to an upcoming agreement between CCRCD, Walnut Creek Watershed Council and Contra Costa County Public Works. Bob Simmons described the scope of the agreement as well as the delays in receiving the contract.

3.2 Chris Lim and Elissa Robinson presented a draft of the objectives and qualifications for the new staff position developed to increase reach to the underserved communities both internally and externally. Following a discussion on the draft and recommendations, the Board determined the need for further investigation and revisions.

REPORTS:

3.1 NRCS Report—Clarimer Hernandez gave an update on NRCS’ EQIP-Environmental Quality Incentive Program. Clarimer Hernandez ended her report noting that the NRCS is only open with appointments.

3.2 President Reports—Igor Skaredoff began his report by giving an update on his health. The Board was pleased to hear the doctors found the underlying health concern and were able to reverse the symptoms. Igor Skaredoff reminded those in attendance about the upcoming Earth Day events. Igor Skaredoff ended his discussion by introducing the possibility of enlarging the size of the Board. The Board agreed with this suggestion and agreed it should be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

3.3 Directors’ Reports – No Director’s reports were given.

3.4 Staff Reports—There were no questions on the staff reports.

3.5 Executive Director Reports – Chris Lim updated the Board on the Regional Priority Plan, funding opportunities as well as the status of outstanding grants.

Igor Skaredoff Adjourned the Meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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