

CCRCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the **Contra Costa Resource Conservation District** was held Tuesday, February 16, 2021 by teleconferencing

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

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

RCD STAFF PRESENT: Chris Lim & Patty Pell

DIRECTORS EXCUSED: All Present

NRCS STAFF PRESENT: None Present

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR, IGOR SKAREDOFF AT 8:36 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:

None added

CONSENT CALENDAR: Bethallyn Black made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Consent Calendar approved 5:0.

DISCUSSIONS:

2.1 Jackie Garcia Mann, Associate Director, CCRCD, updated the Board on the move to renewable biofuels within Contra Costa County along with describing some of the related concerns.

DETERMINATION ITEMS:

1.1 Consider Approving Resolution 2021-01 authorizing funding request to the NACD. Following a brief description of the Urban Agriculture Grant Program and the partnership involved with California State University, East Bay, Bethallyn Black made a motion authorizing the Executive Director to sign Resolution 2021-01. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

1.2 Consider approval of Fiscal Sponsorship for Friends of San Ramon Creek. Following a brief discussion on the agreement, Bethallyn Black made a motion to approve the agreement with Friends of San Ramon Creek. Renee Fernandez-Lipp seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

1.3 Consider authorizing post approval of letters of Support for Earth Team. Chris Lim briefly described the letters. Following the explanation, Bethallyn Black made a motion to post approve the Executive Director signing the Support Letters as presented. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 5:0.

1.4 Consider Approving Staff Pay Increases. Chris Lim discussed how the salary increases were determined as well as the reorganization of responsibilities between staff positions. Following the discussion, the Board inquired on how the salary ranges were allocated as well as the source of the research. The Board indicated a preference for more information before commencing on a final vote. Motion postponed for further information.

REPORTS:

3.1 NRCS Report—Clarimer Hernandez was not present for her report. No update was given.

3.2 President Reports—No report given.

3.3 Directors' Reports – Bob Simmons mentioned that the website explaining the 50-year Plan for the Flood Control District could be access on the Friends of Walnut Creek website.

3.4 Staff Reports—The Board expressed their gratitude for the staff reports. There were no questions on the staff reports. However, it was noted that the Board would like to have staff attend and present at future Board meetings.

3.5 Executive Director Reports – Chris Lim began his presentation by announcing that the truck was purchased and has been put into service. Chris Lim also introduced the possibility of holding a Film Festival and mentioned agencies that are holding Film Festivals. Chris Lim finished by updating the Board on the status of outstanding grants as well as describing grants recently submitted.

Igor Skaredoff Adjourned the Meeting at 10:16 a.m.

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