

CCRCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the **Contra Costa Resource Conservation District** was held Tuesday, September 21, 2021 by teleconferencing

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Igor Skaredoff, Walter Pease, Lorena Castillo & Renee Fernandez-Lipp at 9:05

ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT: Bob Peoples

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

DIRECTORS EXCUSED: Bethallyn Black

NRCS STAFF PRESENT: Clarimer Hernandez

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR, Igor Skaredoff at 8:37 A.M.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

None

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

DETERMINATION THAT A NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION EXISTS:

After it was mentioned that a new Executive Order modifying the Brown Act was issued, Walter Pease made a motion to add Discussion Item 3.3. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items included in the consent calendar:

Item 1- August 17, 2021 minutes

Item 2- August 2021 Financials

Walter Pease made a motion to approve the consent calendar with addition to Item 1 and Item 2 as presented.

Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0.

PRESENTATION: The EcoStewards consisting of: Daniel Correa, Rachael Byrne & Brenna Gibbons, CCRCD's EcoStewards made an appearance from the field to introduce themselves to the Board and present their current project to the Board.

DETERMINATION ITEMS:

2.1 Consider Approving Policy #4215-Brown Act Compliance. Upon further discussion and the fact that the Governor is currently issuing new Executive Orders related to the Brown Act, motion was postponed.

2.2 Consider Approving Policy #2150 Reserve Policy. After some discussion, motion was postponed for further revision.

2.3 Consider approving Professional Services Agreement with Diablo Fire Safe Council in Partnership for Fire Prevention. Ben Weise described the program and took questions from the Board. Following the discussion, Lorena Castillo made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Walter Pease seconded the motion. Motion passes 3:0 with Renee Fernandez-Lipp abstaining.

2.4 Consider approving Policy #3518 Wildfire Smoke Protection Policy. Ben Weise described the purpose of the policy along with its details. Following the discussion and recommending amendments, Renee Fernandez-

Lipp made a motion to approve the policy as amended. Lorena Castillo seconded the motion. Motion passes 4:0.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

3.1 Chris Lim opened up the discussion on CCRCDC requiring COVID vaccination.

3.2 Chris Lim updated the Board on the status on the JEDI position as well as the corroboration between CCRCDC and CARCD on JEDI.

3.3 Patty Pell and Igor Skaredoff discussed their research into the latest Executive Orders issued by Governor Newsom. The Board expressed the desire to be sent the current updates.

REPORTS:

4.1 NRCS Report—Clarimer Hernandez had left the meeting by her turn, however, Chris Lim updated the Board on NRCS staffing and office needs.

4.2 President Reports— No report given

4.3 Directors' Reports – No report given

4.4 Staff Reports—There were no questions on staff reports.

4.5 Executive Director Reports – Chris Lim ended the meeting by introducing the possibility of developing a curriculum like Chatham University Eden Hall net zero energy campus.

Igor Skaredoff Adjourned the Meeting at 10:52 a.m.

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