



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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January 8, 2014

Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Scott Powell, Warren Hutchings, Stan Noble

Staff: Teri Van Huss

NRCS: Joe Williams, Genett Carstensen

Fire Safe Council: Bob Puls

NRCS: Tim Rogers (CALFIRE)

Yosemite-Sequoia RC&D: Brittany Dyer

SNC: Bobby Kamansky

Meeting called to order at 12:26 p.m.

Review minutes: The minutes were reviewed from 12/11, Stan moved to approve, Scott seconded. Aye vote ensued.

Financial Report: Financial report for 12/8 was reviewed. Scott moved and Stan seconded to approve the financials. Stan moves and Scott seconded to approve the FYE 6/2012 and 6/2013 audit presented at the last meeting.

New Business:

Tom Daly forwarded information on OHV grant opportunities distributed by SNC because they didn't release all their money last year. Brittany and Bobby are both familiar with this program and are open and flexible for new ideas and creative projects. Stan moved and Scott seconded to have Bob Puls attend the 2-day training next week. A \$600 travel advance will be given to Bob.

Grazing Land Conservation Coalition Summit – Bobby says there are six stipends to this conference in Oakdale later in January.

Updates

Teri presented information from David Witt about projects: Mtn Home projects are waiting for final payments so we can pay the contractors and obtain the retention from SNC. Ponderosa – Bill Shannon's crew has been working and will submit an invoice shortly. Johnsondale – we are waiting for paperwork on the proposed increase.

Balch Park & Mtn Home – Bobby offered information on the new SNC proposal we did for Mtn Home recently. Ours has been reviewed and if it scores high enough we could be awarded by the SNC Board in March. The ponds project at Balch Park that's been pondered for about 4 years is on the move, especially since the Board of Supervisors

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recently visited and saw what the Forest Service has done. First there is a design and permitting phase that includes CEQA and any permitting. They want golden trout. The depths of the pond need to increase, there needs to be more shade on the banks. Provost and Pritchard can handle this first part. Bobby is asking the Wildlife Conservation Board to fund the entire project. SNC considers this a great project also. There is an offer of grant writing assistance from SNC.

People's Gardens: Teri reported the back-flow device at Goathead cracked in the cold, UTF folks are repairing it. Some PVC pipe has been damaged also, Thomas will fix it.

Fire Safe Council: Bob brought the seasonal drought outlook – it's bad.

NRCS: Joe says the EQIP screening and ranking the applications are heavy – looks like there will be additional funds this year that are surplus from other states.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment Period: None

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m. Next meeting is February 19, 2013 (a week later on account of the Farm Show).

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Van Huss