



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Walt Bentley, Stan Noble, Warren Hutchings

Staff: Teri Van Huss

NRCS: Genett Carstensen

CAL-FIRE: Jeff Paul, Tom Crass

The meeting was called to order by Warren at 12:19 p.m.

Review minutes: The minutes were reviewed from 1/13. Stan moved to approve, Walt seconded to approve the minutes. Aye vote ensued.

Financial Report: Financial report for 2/16/2016 was reviewed. Stan moved, Walt seconded, to approve the payment of the bills. Aye vote ensued.

New Business:

Jeff Paul introduced himself to the RCD as a pre-fire engineer who is attending for Cal-Fire (he is the one who works with the Cal-Mapper data). He scouts out the projects and makes sure the fuel load projects are running well. Tom Crass works the law enforcement side of fires. Jeff reported also that Nick Shue has been hired as a forester. Cal-Fire has received fuel load reduction funding for Lake Success and Kaweah for about 9 miles of work. In terms of Cal-Fire projects, Jeff said that a project at Doyle Springs, an 80-acre project, is helping them create conditions more defendable than a 100' clearance. Sequoia Crest is a 100-acre project, and they are also treating at SCICON, Heartland Camp, and creating a fuel break out of Ishom Valley. Did 5 acres at Three Rivers School. New chief, Marc Habner, is very much for vegetation management.

A Board Resolution for Sequoia Crest was presented – Warren moved, Walt seconded to sign the grant award. Aye vote ensued.

Updates:

NRCS: Joe would like a chipper day in Three Rivers. NRCS is working with the Tree Mortality cooperative agreements and would like the RCD to hold them. NRCS wants to work with infested trees on private lands and they need to be removed from the land, which is turning out to be a problem. Another EQIP deadline is this Friday.

Public Comment Period: No comments

Correspondence: None

Meeting Adjourned at 1:34 p.m. Next meeting is March 9th

Respectfully submitted, Teri Van Huss