



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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13 January 2016

Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Walt Bentley, Scott Powell, Stan Noble, Warren Hutchings, Larry Schwankl
Staff: Teri Van Huss, David Witt
Fire Safe Council: Bob Puls
NRCS: Joe Williams, Genett Carstensen
SNC: Sarah Campe

The meeting was called to order by Warren at 12:11 p.m.

Review minutes: The minutes were reviewed from 11/4. Stan moved to approve, Walt seconded. Aye vote ensued.

Financial Report: Financial report for 1/12/2016 was reviewed. Scott moved and Stan seconded to approve the financials. Aye vote ensued. Teri reviewed a 6-month P&L with the Board. It is suggested that we communicate with Y/S RC&D to revisit a \$35/mo fee for the payroll service. Warren will contact Steve Haze. The People's Garden program also needs to get funded – Walt and Teri will work on getting donations and grant monies – City of Visalia, Bank of Sierra, Hmong community.

February meeting will be the third Wednesday, Teri will invite Doug Souza to attend.

New Business:

David Witt applied for two SRA grants for Cal-Fire – 1) Chipper Days 2016 for additional communities in the foothills, and 2) additional work at Sequoia Crest, about \$100,000.

Bob reported on a new CALFIRE program to remove trees on private lands (they do the work) – CALFIRE will do Doyle Springs first.

Bob reported that Paul Marquez retired on December 31st, he attended his gala retirement party.

Updates:

Official communication from Fresno LAFCO to engage Tulare LAFCO in turning over lands within Tulare County was received. The process is proceeding!

Chipper Days:

David report the snow is 3' deep, project done for the winter.

NRCS: Money is flowing. NRCS will be doing a tree-mortality removal practice, but it still has to be ag land, including selling lumber. Biomass is a huge issue with everyone given the closing of ethanol plants. The amount of dead trees is staggering and horrendous.

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Public Comment Period: No comments

Correspondence: None

Meeting Adjourned at 1:13 p.m. Next meeting is February 17th due to the Farm Show.

Respectfully submitted, Teri Van Huss