



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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January 9, 2013

Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Tom Daly, Scott Powell, Stan Noble, Warren Hutchings

Staff: Teri Van Huss

Fire Safe Council: Bob Puls

NRCS: Curtis Tarver

Meeting called to order at 12:25 by Tom

Review minutes: The minutes were reviewed from 11/14/12, correction for attendance was made -Tom Daly & Warren Hutchings. Review minutes from December 12th. Scott moved, Warren seconded, to approve the minutes from both meetings. Aye vote ensued.

Financial Report: Teri presented a check run report through January 9th that includes an Accounts Payable list for approval, and a list of Accounts Receivable, thus giving a total cash update. The Board requested Teri to inquire about the ARB permit form that was returned for more fees. Warren moved, Stan seconded, aye vote ensued that December invoices are approved for payment.

Project Updates

Project updates were given by Bob Puls, reflecting his knowledge, in addition to information provided to him by Project Manager David Witt.

- Mountain Home Fuel Break project – Done for the winter.
- Ponderosa Fuel Break project – Done for the winter.
- Johnsondale Fuel Break project – The CEQA document has been completed. Tom will sign the document today and Teri will deliver the document to the County Planning office.
- SNC Mtn Home Project – Awarded as of November 1st, but there's too much snow to start now.
- Y/S RC&D CHIP program – Bob, David. Sequoia Crest invoiced and payment should be received soon.
- CA DF&G grazing, update – Erin Tennant sent an email saying she and Krista are preparing the master grazing lease for signature.
- People's Gardens – Teri submitted a grant application to the Bank of Sierra for \$2,895 – picnic tables, farmstands, shade structures, and garden manager for Goathead. The CDF Urban Forest Leading Edge concept proposal was approved

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for a full proposal. Tom Daly moves to approve this project for submittal of the full proposal, Warren seconded, aye vote ensued.

- Fire Safe Council – Bob reported there is a need for someone to take the job of Secretary for the FSC as Megan is no longer available to do the work. The projects are all buried under snow. Bob will attend the Y/S RC&D meeting tomorrow in Fresno.
- Board Director search. Scott's reappointment has come through with a new term ending November 30, 2016. He was duly sworn. Still looking for another Board member.

Correspondence: Christmas greetings from Keillor Kyle of Audobon.

NRCS Report: Curtis reported that Genett and Pam are training in Fresno today. Overall budget – still operating under continuing resolution through the end of March. The Farm Bill was extended for one year. Some programs that had limitations are back and more fully funded, more details will come later. In 2012 the Visalia had over 720 applicants with over \$10 million funded – highest in the state. In 2013 they have 593 applications already on file. Tractor program deadline is February 15th. He has asked Pam Hertzler to come in for 3 weeks (through January 25th), and then will have Steve Crow to come in as Acting (or even Genett) until the new DC will be able to come. Jim Rienstra is leaving this Thursday for Susanville, providing leadership to a much larger area of engineers. There is a new State Conservationist – Carlos Flores – he was a deputy under Ed Burton, then worked in Florida, and is coming back. The new DC for our area, effective Feb. 24th, is Joe Williams, who is coming back after running a big plant materials program in Oregon.

Public Comment Period: No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Given the Ag Show is being held during our next meeting, we will reschedule the next meeting to Thursday, February 21st, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Van Huss