



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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December 12, 2012

Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Tom Daly, Scott Powell, Stan Noble, Warren Hutchings (by phone)

Staff: Teri Van Huss

Fire Safe Council: Bob Puls

NRCS: Mark Davis, Genett Carstensen

DF&G: Erin Tennant

USFWS: Scott Frazer

Meeting called to order at 12:44 by Tom

Review minutes from 11/14/12 – minutes reviewed, correction for attendance was made -Tom Daly & Warren Hutchings

Financial Report: Teri presented a check run report through December 12th that includes an Accounts Payable list for approval, and a list of Accounts Receivable, thus giving a total cash update. There was approval from the Directors, Scott moved, Stan Noble, seconded, are vote ensued and invoices are approved for payment.

New Business: There is no new business at this time.

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.
- Sequoia Crest Fuel Break project – We're doing CEQA work to prepare the project for a Prop 40 grant. Brian Rueger is doing the work for this.
- 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 project completed and invoiced.
- CA DF&G grazing, update – Erin Tennant. Two months ago she met David at Allensworth. There are wells that a local landowner has permission to use and may be interested in grazing. Discussion about the Master Lease – aside from the one addition previously discussed, the RCD is good with it. The details for each grazing location will be worked out as specific work plans with the subleases. Their two CEQA docs are in final phases – the Master Lease for the

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San Joaquin Desert and Canebrake. We will proceed with completing the Master Lease so it should be done at the same time as all the CEQA.

- People's Gardens – Teri reported we received \$500 from WalMart.
- WMA – Julie Finzel emailed and asked which Board member would be willing to interview the Range Camp student. Scott's been volunteered, and she'll be notified by Teri.
- Fire Safe Council – included in the Sequoia Crest project.
- Board Director search. We are in the process of renewing Scott's Board term.

Correspondence:

NRCS Report: Mark reported about a Nutrient management class at UC Davis. There are farming operating loans available through Slade. Ag Census coming out, done every 5 years. December 21st is Mark's last day.

Public Comment Period: Scott Frazer is here today, and welcome. He reports that duck hunting was one month late due to an expired permit between DWR and the State about water delivery. California Legacy Area Project Plan should be done soon, at least by the end of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Next meeting is January 9th, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Van Huss