



Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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June 12, 2013

Board Meeting Minutes

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

Staff: Teri Van Huss

Fire Safe Council: Bob Puls

NRCS: Joe Williams, Genett Carstensen

SNC: Bobby Kamansky

Meeting called to order at 12:30 by Tom Daly

Review minutes: The minutes were reviewed from 5/8/13, Warren moved to approve, Stan seconded. Aye vote ensued.

Financial Report: Teri presented a check run report through June 12th that includes an Accounts Payable list for approval, and a list of Accounts Receivable, thus giving a total cash update. Scott moved, Warren seconded, the financial report be approved. Aye vote ensued. Teri will get a cash flow report to the Board ASAP to show how the summer projects will be funded. The Board expressed concern about the payment method to the masticator consultant, and hopes we can get more time to make the payments, and invoice the grants. We'll need to address the SNC requirement for an interest bearing account. Teri will research our ability to use the County account for this purpose and followup with Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

New Business:

Johnsondale CEQA Warren moves, Scott seconds, to approve a Notice of Determination of Preparation of a Negative Declaration CEQA process. Aye vote ensues. Teri will file the NOD with the County Clerk and pay the County and Department of Fish and Wildlife fees.

Project Updates

TCBB – Scott moved, Stan seconded, to distribute the final amount of monies we hold for this project among five producers in percentage by acres. Warren abstains from the vote. Aye vote ensued. Contracts will be provided to Genett for signing at the same time as the NRCS contracts.

Project updates were given by Bob and Teri based on communication with David.

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- SNC Mtn Home Project – Masticator is on the project and running. The fuel break projects will be going for the next six months.
- Ponderosa Fuel Break project – Shannon Bros. will probably start in September and October.
- CHIPP at Johnsondale & Ponderosa - \$50,000 from Y/S RC&D, who came to Johnsondale, and the RC&D notified us that the deadline changed from December to September. The community needs to complete the Y/S RC&D paperwork project continue.
- Fire Safe Council – The Meet & Greet with CALFIRE and foothills ranchers went really well, and all expressed interest in continuing to meet.
- Board Director search. Still looking for someone.

Correspondence: None.

NRCS Report: Will need to have a local work resource committee meeting before August – we'll do it at the RCD meeting in July. The California Soil and Water Conservation Society is looking for a silent auction item. New Farm Bill should be passed soon.

Public Comment Period: No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Next meeting is July 10th, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Van Huss