MEETING MINUTES  
of the  
MENDOCINO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Directors Present: Lisa Bauer, Cathy Monroe, Craig Blencowe, Peter Braudrick  
Associate Directors Present: Geri Hulse-Stephens, Tony Orth, Jen Riddell  
Staff: Megan McCluer, Joe Scriven, Deborah Edelman, Linda MacElwee, Mary Mayeda

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| I.   | CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS | 9:09am |
| I.   | ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B)) | |
| II.  | Yes. Add 6-2 Discussion: AmeriCorps volunteer in Forestry Program. | |
| III. | PUBLIC COMMENT | None |
| IV.  | CONSENT CALENDAR | |
| 4-1  | December 17, 2019 Board of Directors (BOD) Minutes: Craig Blencowe motioned to approve. Peter Braudrick seconded the motion. Craig Blencowe, Peter Braudrick, Lisa Bauer, and Cathy Monroe voted in favor. |
| V.   | ACTION ITEMS | |
| 5-1  | Board approval of Financial Statements and Warrant Requests for: November and December 2019  
Megan McCluer read the memo from John Hansen regarding fiscal operations.  
The Board of Directors wanted to make note that the Financial Narrative on page 4 was read by all, and that they appreciate the dedication Ursula Butler displays to MCRCD.  
Craig Blencowe motioned to approve and Cathy Monroe seconded. Craig Blencowe, Cathy Monroe, Peter Braudrick, and Lisa Bauer voted in favor. |
| 5-2  | Review and Discussion of MCRCD Policy: MCRCD Vehicle Use Policy.  
Discussion about subcontractor coverage and use of MCRCD vehicle(s). The Board requested that this policy be amended and be brought to the February meeting. |
| 5-3  | CLOSED SESSION (not to exceed 30 min). PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code 54957) Title: Executive Director performance evaluation. 10:00 to 10:39. |
| 5-4  | |
| VI.  | DISCUSSION ITEMS | |
| 6-1  | Detailed discussion of Strategic Planning Offsite (1 hour) – February 6th at Grace Hudson Museum, Ukiah  
- Draft Agenda is designed to address these questions  
  1. Where have we been?  
  2. Where are we now?  
  3. Where do we want to go?  
  4. How do we get there?  
  5. How do we measure success?  
- Actions needed prior to Feb 6th  
  - 5 min Survey  
  - Review last year’s plan  
Linda MacElwee led the discussion on how the strategic planning day will proceed. She provided a draft “Holistic Goal” document for review.  
Each program will present to the group the mission and plan for the next 5 years.  
Climate change is included in all programs and should serve as an over-arching framework. |
The delineation between the FireSafe Council and MCRCD is based upon scale and interactions with communities.

Cannabis can be recognized in the Strategic Plan, but was put in the “Parking Lot” for now. Questions provided by Dennis Bowker will be applied to each program. Program statements will be due on January 31 so they can be printed on poster paper. Peter Braudrick stated that he will be unable to attend the Strategic Planning day on February 6 because he will be working with CARCD on their strategic plan.

6-2  AmeriCorps volunteer in Forestry Program: Mary Mayeda stated that AmeriCorps has an application process to sponsor a Forestry Technician. She likes the idea of supporting a young professional and would appreciate having another person in the Forestry Program to assist with the workload. The cost is $20,000, and the positions begins this September. There may be an opportunity to share the position with the Soils Program in the Navarro River watershed. Getting a letter of support from MCRCD’s Board of Directors would be very appreciated. The Board was supportive of this concept.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

VII.  7-1  NRCS Report  - None  
7-2  Director Reports
Cathy Monroe provided an update on the Climate Change Taskforce. There are 3 work groups – Willits, Coast, and Ukiah. 

Jen Riddell stated that the Oak Protection Ordinance is in its draft stage and the CA Native Plant Society is providing a review of the document. Cannabis being grown on rangeland is an important topic.

7-3  Staff Reports and Grant Status  - None  

Adjournment  12:14  
Cathy Monroe motioned to adjourn the meeting and Craig Blencowe seconded the motion. Cathy Monroe, Craig Blencowe, Peter Braudrick, and Lisa Bauer voted in favor.

AGENDA SETTING

VIII  
To request board packet information, please contact Ursula Butler at (707) 462-3664 ext 105.
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Next MCRCD BOD meeting will be February 18, 2020

Miscellaneous ACTION ITEMS

1. Include economic inflation in the “New Projects Checklist.”
2. Put new Strategic Plan bullets on poster board for the Conference Room.
3. Holistic Goal: condense to one page.
4. Write letter of support for the MCRCD Forestry Program to sponsor an AmeriCorps Forestry Technician – Not needed.
5. Closed session for Board of Directors from 8:30 to 9:30 on February 18, 2020. Regular meeting of the Board of Directors will take place from 9:30 to 12:00.