



DRAFT AGENDA
SPECIAL Meeting of the
MENDOCINO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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August 15, 2023

In Person Location: 410 Jones Street, Suite C3, Ukiah Ca 95482

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Present

Directors: Peter Braudrick, Tony Orth, Stephen Smith

Cathy Monroe attended via Zoom as a non-voting member.

Staff: Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, Amy Herman, Seth Myrick, Chris Bartow, Denise Woods, Doug Turk,

Tiffany Steinborn, Ellen Murphy, Joe Scriven

NRCS: Carol Mandel

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

I.	CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS: 9:02 AM
II.	ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B)): <i>None</i>
III.	PUBLIC COMMENT Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)). <i>None</i>
IV.	CONSENT CALENDAR
	4-1 July 2023, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes <i>Peter Braudrick motioned to approve item 4-1, which was seconded by Stephen Smith. Peter Braudrick and Stephen Smith voted in favor. Tony Orth abstained.</i>
	4-2 July Warrant Requests <i>Tony Orth motioned to approve item 4-2, which was seconded by Peter Braudrick. Tony Orth, Peter Braudrick, and Stephen Smith voted in favor.</i>
V.	ACTION ITEMS
	5-1 NRCS Vehicle Use Agreement <i>Tony Orth motioned to approve item 5-1, which was seconded by Peter Braudrick. Tony Orth, Peter Braudrick, and Stephen Smith voted in favor.</i>
VI.	DISCUSSION ITEMS
	6-1 Strategic Planning, Potential Growth Areas, and Office Space Update <i>Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra referred to her staff report in the board packet and provided a summary of the programs and office space needs. She invited staff to provide their perspectives on what areas of growth could be considered per program.</i> <i>Doug Turk referenced the board report for the Forest Health and Resiliency Program, and provided a summary of program options for expansion, including clean-up of abandoned cannabis grow sites, additional CAL FIRE projects, and NRCS projects. He also mentioned possibly securing a grant writer on staff or using a firm for grant writing services.</i> <i>Joe Scriven described the potential for two new programs: Navarro Watershed Restoration Program, and Tribal Engagement Program. He discussed options for expanding the Water Resources Program by</i>

	<p><i>assisting cannabis farmers and performing solid waste clean-up work in the absence of Mendo Recycle. Denise Woods mentioned our continued involvement with groundwater monitoring and our participation with the Russian River Water Forum.</i></p> <p><i>Seth Myrick described the recent tour of cannabis farms with CDFW and their interest in funding a full-time position at MCRCD to assist those farmers. The Soil Health Program provided technical assistance to farmers last fall/winter who secured over \$700,000 for their projects. With additional staffing commitment, the “Soils Program” could assist many more farmers throughout the county that would bring significantly more funding for their projects. The recent proposal to the Dept. of Conservation holds great promise to help the Forest, Soil, and Water programs expand.</i></p> <p><i>Chris Bartow stated that the Land Stewardship Program is stable for now, but has not secured an executed contract as the landowners. They will continue to focus on the current program goals and do not have plans to expand.</i></p> <p><i>Stephanie said that the administrative team needs to expand to support new projects. She noted that the lease for the Ukiah office has not been renewed.</i></p>
	<p>6-2 NRCS Update <i>Carol Mandel reported that 38 projects have been approved, obligating approximately \$1.2M. Their Ukiah office is still understaffed .</i></p>
	<p>6-3 Project Manager Updates</p>
	<p>6-4 Director Reports <i>Cathy Monroe provided an update on the Russian River Water Forum in that Sonoma Water, Inland Water and Power Commission, and the Round Valley Indian Tribes submitted an application to PG&E to own some of the diversion facilities. Cape Horn Dam is likely to be dismantled, and there are still fish passage issues related to Cape Horn Dam.</i></p>
VII.	Adjournment: 11:22 AM
	AGENDA SETTING
	<p>To request board packet information, please contact Joe Scriven at (707) 462-3664 ext 104. Public Notice: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Government Code Section 54954.2, if special assistance is needed to participate in a Board meeting, please contact the RCD at (707) 462-3664. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to meeting time will assist staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility at the meeting.</p>
	Next MCRCD BOD meeting will be September 19, 2023, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM