



AGENDA

Special Meeting of the

**MENDOCINO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PHONE: 707-462-3664

DATE: January 30, 2024 9:00 a.m.

In Person Location: 410 Jones Street, Suite C-3, Ukiah

9:00 a.m to 9:30 a.m.

I.	CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS:
II.	ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B)):
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)).
IV.	Item 1. Consideration of Approval of Resolution 2024-275
VII.	ADJOURNEMENT
VIII.	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.

Staff Report

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION RATIFYING RESOLUTION 2024-274 TO RESUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION CLIMATE SMART LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

To: Board of Directors

From: Seth Myrick, Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager

Date: January 30, 2024

Summary

The Department of Conservation (DOC) has re-released guidelines and an application for The Climate Smart Land Management (CSLM) – Capacity and Technical Assistance Program. The CSLM program seeks to increase the capacity of state partners to support the goals of the State’s Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy (NWLCS) and Pathways to 30x30. This is the second round of the CSLM program, first opened in December 2023. Submission of this application requires the approval of the Board of Directors by Resolution. A Resolution (2024-274) was brought before the Board of Directors at its regular Board Meeting of January 16th, 2024, for approval that would support this grant application and the Board members attending this meeting approved this action. There was not, however, a quorum present at the meeting. Staff, therefore, requests ratification of the Board’s actions of January 16th and the approval of a Resolution by a quorum of the Board supporting this grant application.

Discussion

MCRCD staff previously applied in Spring 2023 and missed out on funding by a slim margin during review. This program will strengthen the capacity of MCRCD to flourish as an active participant in local, regional, and state-wide cooperative partnerships and new project areas that are currently unfunded. Costs to participate in training and educational opportunities to advance technical expertise will also be funded by this grant. This funding will also provide flexibility to join in opportunities that emerge during the period of the grant to meet unanticipated challenges. For example, recently, the need for flexible baseline funding has been underscored by the initiation of the Russian River Confluence in response to dramatic water management changes proposed to the Potter Valley Project. MCRCD feels it an absolute necessity to participate in efforts like this, but staff participation is currently unfunded and therefore comes at a financial loss to our organization. The CSLM program will pay salary, benefits, and 20% indirect on personnel *and* equipment/materials.

Conclusion

Staff asks that the Board ratify the approval of this grant application and approve the Resolution allowing the MCRCDC to re-apply for this important grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Myrick, Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager

RESOLUTION 2024-274

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MENDOCINO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DATE: January 16th, 2024

TO RESUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION CLIMATE SMART LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND, IF AWARDED, TO ENTER INTO AND PERFORM UNDER THE TERMS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation (DOC) has released guidelines and application for The Climate Smart Land Management – Capacity and Technical Assistance Program which seeks to increase the capacity of state partners to support the goals of the State’s Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy (NWLCSS) and Pathways to 30x30. This is the second round of the CSLM program, reopened in December 2023.

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) strives to increase the pace and scale of natural and working lands conservation practices as related to forest, water, and soil health in Mendocino County.

WHEREAS, staff from MCRCD request approval to submit a re-proposal intended to build capacity for implementation of climate resilience strategies, sustain or expand coordinated permitting pathways, and increase capacity to participate in regional collaborative efforts.

WHEREAS, the DOC Climate Smart Land Management Program Guidelines require that the Governing Body of the MCRCD approve a signed Resolution of Support.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District agrees for MCRCD to submit an application to the Department of Conservation Climate Smart Land Management Program and, if awarded, to enter into a contract to perform under the terms of the Grant Agreement.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, at a regular meeting of said Board, held on January 16th, 2024.

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Abstain: _____

We the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-274 was adopted by the Directors of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District.

Stephen Smith, Board Chair

Attest: Amy Herman, Board Secretary

RESOLUTION 2024-275

MENDOCINO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

TO RESUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION CLIMATE SMART LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND, IF AWARDED, TO ENTER INTO AND PERFORM UNDER THE TERMS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, in December, 2023, the Department of Conservation (DOC) has released guidelines and application for the second round of The Climate Smart Land Management – Capacity and Technical Assistance Program which seeks to increase the capacity of state partners to support the goals of the State’s Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy (NWLCS) and Pathways to 30 x30. This is the second round of the CSLM program; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) strives to increase the pace and scale of natural and working lands conservation practices as related to forest, water, and soil health in Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, staff from MCRCD request approval to submit a re-proposal intended to build capacity for implementation of climate resilience strategies, sustain or expand coordinated permitting pathways, and increase capacity to participate in regional collaborative efforts; and

WHEREAS, the DOC Climate Smart Land Management Program Guidelines require that the Governing Body of the MCRCD approve a signed Resolution of Support; and

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District of January 16th, a report was given and a Resolution of Support was passed by a members of the board not constituting a quorum; and

WHEREAS, a special meeting was held on January 30th before a quorum of the board to ratify the approval given on January 16th that was made without a quorum present.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District agrees for MCRCD to submit an application to the Department of Conservation Climate Smart Land Management Program and, if awarded, to enter into a contract to perform under the terms of the Grant Agreement.

The foregoing Resolution 2024-275 was passed and adopted by the Board of the Mendocino Country Resource Conservation District on the 30th day of January 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Abstain: _____

Absent: _____

Stephen Smith, Board Chair

Attest: _____
Amy Herman, Board Secretary