



SISKIYOU RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Etna City Council Chambers
448 Main Street, Etna, CA

MINUTES

October 6th 2016

Approved

Our Mission: *Identify conservation and watershed enhancement needs, and offer assistance to landowners and resource managers to meet those needs through technical, financial and education leadership.*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Establish Quorum: President Spencer, called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spencer.
- C. Introductions: Introductions were not necessary.
 - a. **Directors Present:** Jeff Maddox, John Spencer, Caroline Luiz, Ric Costales
 - b. **Directors Absent:** None.
 - c. **Associate Directors Present:** None

Staff Present: Lindsay Magranet, Preston Harris
Public Present: Janae Scruggs (CDFW), Jim Patterson (NRCS), Sari Sommarstrom
- D. Agenda Adjustments & Approval.

Motion: Maddox moved/Luiz second, to accept the Agenda as presented.
Vote: 4 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz, Costales), 0 noes, 0 absent MOTION PASSED.
- E. Approval of Minutes: September 1st, 2016 Regular Board Meeting: Ric Costales excused himself from voting because he was not present at the September 1st, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Luiz moved/Maddox second, to approve the September 1st 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.
Vote: 3 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz), 0 noes, 1 abstain (Costales), 0 absent MOTION PASSED.
- F. Approval of Minutes: September 21st, 2016 Special Board Meeting: John Spencer excused himself from voting because he was not present at the September 21st, 2016 Special Board Meeting.

Motion: Maddox moved/Costales second, to approve the September 21st, 2016 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented.
Vote: 3 ayes (Costales, Maddox, Luiz), 0 noes, 1 abstain (Spencer), 0 absent MOTION PASSED.
- G. Open Forum – 3 minute limit: None.

2. Business: (DISCUSSION AND ACTION)

- A. **Presentation – History of the French Creek Watershed Advisory Group 1990-2010 by Dr. Sari Sommarstrom:** Dr. Sari Sommarstrom prefaced her presentation by offering to the RCD Board of Directors a plaque for the CF Industries National Watershed Award, which was received by the French Creek Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) in 1996. The Siskiyou RCD was one of the 13 members of the French Creek WAG which participated in meetings from 1990 through 2010. In her presentation, she went on to explain the history of the French Creek WAG including the details of its formation, objectives, process and outcomes including planning documents, road management actions and monitoring.
- B. **Discussion and Approval to accept a Contract from California Trout Inc. funding the development of stream restoration projects on the Scott River:** The District Secretary presented the Contractor Agreement offered by California Trout Inc. (CalTrout) and the Scope of Work was reviewed. She explained that the purpose of this Contract is to develop voluntary stream restoration opportunities with willing landowners along the Scott River and that CalTrout would be a partner in the resulting projects offering assistance potentially in the form of

grant writing, funding contributions, or permitting. Preston Harris provided a brief description of the types of projects to be developed through this Contract.

Motion: Maddox moved/Costales second, to accept the Contractor Agreement from California Trout Inc. as presented.

Vote: 4 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz, Costales), 0 noes, 0 absent MOTION PASSED.

- C. **RESOLUTION – Approval to file a Financial Assistance Application and accept the forthcoming Grant Agreement (No. D1613103) from the State Water Resources Control Board for the *Scott River Stream Restoration and Sediment Reduction Program*:** The District Secretary provided a brief explanation of the procedure by which a grant agreement will be developed and executed with the State Water Resources Control Board. She stated that the RCD needs to designate an Authorized Representative to negotiate and file paperwork during this process. She reiterated that she has experience in the management of this type of grant and is willing to accept the responsibility. The draft Resolution was reviewed and several edits were suggested. It was understood that the Grant Agreement would be brought to the Board of Directors before execution.

Motion: Costales moved/Luiz second, to approve a revised version of the Resolution authorizing the District to proceed entering into Agreement #D1613103 with the State Water Resources Control Board.

Vote: 4 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz, Costales), 0 noes, 0 absent MOTION PASSED.

D. **Financial Report and Payment of Bills – District Secretary**

a) Balance Sheet: A Balance Sheet was presented and reviewed.

b) Warrants for Approval:

Warrant #1 \$12,543.16

Warrant #2 \$14,012.22

c) Monthly Reconciliation of the Scott Valley Bank Account: A reconciliation of the Scott Valley Bank Account was presented and reviewed.

Motion: Luiz moved/Maddox second, to accept the Balance Sheet and the Scott Valley Bank Reconciliation as presented as well as approve the payment of Warrant #1 in the amount of \$12,543.16 and Warrant #2 in the amount of \$14,012.22 contingent upon available funds and allowing the District Bookkeeper to select the withholding if necessary.

Vote: 4 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz, Costales), 0 noes, 0 absent MOTION PASSED.

3. REPORTS:

- A. Agencies – Jim Patterson (NRCS) reiterated that he will be attending the Annual CARCD Conference and is willing to ride share with RCD personnel should they be interested. As far as the Yreka Field Office is concerned, he explained that the Cooperative Agreement is moving forward and staff have been coordinating around other opportunities for collaboration with the RCD such as the NFWF Conservation Partners Program proposal. Over the next couple of weeks, he will be interviewing Registered Professional Foresters and is hoping to have the position filled by the end of the year. Lastly, he mentioned that the Federal Government is on continuing resolution until December 9th 2016. As far as regional work is concerned Jim reminded attendees of two upcoming events: (1) the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council is offering their annual Klamath River Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TRES) in Happy Camp from October 3rd through October 15th 2016 and (2) the Klamath Siskiyou Oak Network is hosting an Oak Science Day on November 3-4th 2016 in Medford, Oregon. Janae Scruggs (CDFW) didn't have anything additional to report.
- B. Projects – Staff. There were no additional reports from staff.
- C. SRWT – Preston Harris mentioned that the 2016 summer water leasing season has concluded.
- D. SRWC – none.
- E. District Secretary –
- a. Correspondence & Information – None.
- F. Directors: Caroline Luiz inquired about the employment status of Preston Harris and whether the Board of Directors needed to consider changing it in preparation for the next calendar year. Preston Harris explained that

he would prefer to remain as a subcontractor to the RCD. John Spencer mentioned that Ken Fowle recently passed away and that services will be held at the Scott Valley Berean Church on October 19th 2016, 11 A.M.

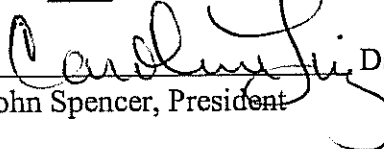
4 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: November 3rd 2016**

It was recognized that the November Regular Meeting falls on the day of the Scott River Watershed Council's Scott Informational Forum, therefore it will have to be rescheduled, possibly to the second week of November.

5. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, John Spencer adjourned the meeting at 8:37 P.M.

Lindsay Magranet, District Secretary

No Corrections Corrected by Insertions

Approved  Date 1/12/17
John Spencer, President

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