**Meeting Minutes for: Friday, July 9, 2021 from 10 am -11:00 am**

**Zoom meeting**   
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#### 10:08 Call to Order

Introductions Priscilla Baker, Jeannie Habben, Jay Seslowe, Jon Cottington, David Konno, Nancy McPherson, Julie Konno, Alex Davis

#### Approval of the Agenda Jon made motion to accept agenda, Nancy 2nd motion carried

#### Public Comment

#### 10:05 Consent Agenda Jon made motion to accept consent agenda, Nancy 2nd, motion carried

Approval of the Minutes of June 11, 2021

Financial report

*10:15* Reports – Please limit to 10 minutes per organization

NRCS – including **EQIP** and Civil Rights discussions – Priscilla Baker: June batching period has 9 contracts have been awarded in the foothill area for range and forestry. Staff is working on getting them obligated. A new Cultural Monitor tech to serve Madera and Mariposa has been hired. They will work out of the Madera office. The new CIC funding is rolling out. Priscilla notes that applications not awarded will be notified by the field office.

Madera Dept of Water Resources– Jeannie Habben We are experiencing very hot conditions. Drought, COVID, Earthquake all in the last month. Drought workgroup will have it’s next meeting on the 16th (Julie attends) and a workshop on July 20. Julie will send link to the Board. Self Help Enterprises has funding for workshops – State using CBO’s to distribute funding for projects like well failure mitigation with tanks, bottled water delivery and new wells if required. Tanks are not income based (2500 gallons) but well work is – 80% or below the median income which means $40k. Farm bureau’s nortate management group will also be at this workshop. 1602 permit continues. They have met the DWR in person and expect the Valley portion to get approval by end of July. They will then start work on the Oakhurst River Parkway. Jeannie also reports that Madera/Chowchilla RCD has a new Exec Director, Amy Siliznoff (daughter-in-law of Johnnie Siliznoff).

Madera County – Bobby Macauley not in attendance

Firewise & RCPP – Alex Many communities in process. Sugar Pine Christian camp does qualify as a Firewise community with multiple dwellings on the 300-acre property. He was able to coordinate a CALFIRE visit to the Rd 225 community. They toured the property and adjacent lands. This was beneficial to CALFIRE as well. He will plan visits to all of the Madera communities. He has had many site visits for potential RCPP contracts. Alex’s new computer is in place which will aid his efficiency.

Yosemite Sequoia RC & D – David YSRCDC reports that a new 3-year Madera Firewise Communities proposal has been prepared and it looks very promising.

Executive Director report – Julie – see attached

#### 10:45 Old Business

Succession Planning – Additional Staff: Job posting for additional staff Julie is writing the job postings for her position and a full time Conservation Resource Tech who will work primarily on Firewise. She will forward to the Board as soon as she has the draft completed.

* CSDA membership – mandatory Sexual Harassment & Ethics training (due July 1, 2021) Due to issues with the web site, this is pushed back to September 2021.
* Firearms ownership for Spring Valley 4-H Julie reports that she has been in discussions with the Madera County Counsel Mike Linden about the ownership issue. He states that since this does not meet our mission, and the liability for CRCD and by extension Madera County is so great, we need to divest from ownership of these guns. Julie is directed to write another letter to the 4-H group and UCCE stating they need to facilitate the guns going to another 501c3 or we will donate them to the MC Sheriff’s office. Nancy states that Tom Burdette umpires with a gentleman whose son is a nationally ranked skeet shooter with a local chapter in Chowchilla. There is a good possibility that they will keep guns available to the Spring Valley 4-H group. Tom will forward Julie’s contact info to the group to start discussions.
* Laptop/Printer for Alex As reported earlier, Alex has his new computer with Adobe Pro, Avast, and Microsoft 365 purchased. The new printer is in process.

#### 11:00 New Business

CRCD Correspondence Thank you card from North Fork Fire Auxiliary, see attached

Paid Holidays Julie reports that Madera County pays 10 holidays plus 2 floating holidays (i.e., Friday after Thanksgiving). She feels we should be in alignment with their contract as we are a special district under the County. She will find out the County’s policy on separation pay-out for Sick Leave and report next month.

FTR Audit request This was requested by the State of CA as part of our Revenue report. Julie has forwarded it to them. This brings up that we are due for our next Audit this year. Julie will find a CPA/Bookkeeper who is able to do the 5-year audit.

Volunteer Form, NF School Garden – Jon Student teacher who will be working in the school garden needs someone to sign off on hours. Will Julie be willing to sign form? Julie will be happy to do it. Volunteer will send the form to Julie’s email with Jon confirming her work.

***11:10*  Workshops / Events / Presentations**

IRWM meeting: July 26, 1:30pm zoom

**Next Meeting August 13, 2021, 10:00am via Zoom**

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