



Meeting Agenda for: Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 4pm to 5:15pm
Zoom meeting

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- 4:00 **Call to Order 4:03**
Approval of the Agenda **Nancy approves the agenda and Melissa seconds. Motion carries**
Introductions Melissa Cottington, Jeannie Habben, Jay Seslowe, Dave Briley, Jon Cottington, Nancy McPherson, David Konno, Priscilla Baker, Julie Konno, Mary Sholler-Stalter, Burt Stalter, Mike Keyser
Public Comment

- 4:05 **Consent Agenda**
- Approval of the Minutes of 4-14-22- **Nancy Approves the minutes and Jay seconds. Motion carried.**
 - Financial report **Julie poses the question regarding adding a column for grants.**
- 4:10 **Reports** – Please limit to 10 minutes per organization
- NRCS – including **EQIP** and Civil Rights discussions – **Priscilla Baker Announcements related to programs. Have a ranking deadline at the end of May. Contracting new contracts that were new from last month 4-6 forestry contracts last month. EQUIP grants are low for forestry and crop land. Looking for more competitive ways to write applications. Asking to advocate for the issue with RCD and NRCS. Myra Dick is a new district conservationist who will be coming back in June. Organizes area 9 meetings. It is Asian American, Native American and Pacific Islander month. Basket weaving class. Julie requests recording of basket weaving. New Area Forester-Peter McBride formerly working in Mariposa and in Sierra National Forest. Julie asks how CRCD can use his time... Answer...real forestry clients call in to deal with timber producing species. Look at the composition of forests.**
 - Madera Dept of Water Resources– **Jeannie Waiting for DWR to get back on the grant. Planning for briefings on recommendations in June and will announce in July. Waiting on approval for flood plans. Drought Work Group Meeting on the 20th of May relating to private wells. The governor has done 7 executive orders on drought since January. Most recently had specifics related to wells. Has to show that the wells will not affect other wells or**



groundwater. It won't affect us up here versus the valley. N622 Executive Order... not able to buy anything from Russia sent out to contractors. The Private Well Class.org is a highly recommended free class for all who own a well. 10 week class that you can enroll in. by signing up, emails for live classes become available. Julie has a question about the map production related to if there is a flood emergency. They are 9 x 11 and complete. We can pass them out and share the plan with the community. The information shows road avoidance due to flooding, emergency meeting places. It's called the North Fork Citizen Map.

- Madera County – Bobby Macauley **Absent**
- Yosemite Sequoia RC & D – David- Hired and transferred the outreach coordinator and Erin Cappuccino will be the Director of YSRCD. Work on Eastern Madera stratic wildfire mitigation plan started at Sugar pine and Cedar Valley area cleared areas. Fire breaks at Goat Mountain from the radio towers down to the Forks. Madera County roads is the last part of the project: 274 Marina View to Government Offices, 426 going into the Pines, 433, 420.. 223-Mudge Ranch... all surrounding roads on Bass Lake. 400 feet buffer, full sweep, to reduce the ladder fuels. Grant will end in the Spring
- CALfire- Mike Keyser- Fire reduction being made. 7 out of 8 awarded. Hasn't been made public yet, not sure what the hold up is.
- Firewise – Jon- April busy month. Saw the end of the Americorp crew with work days in Bass Lake Annex, Calvin Crest, North Fork School. Bass Lake Annex spent their allotment, but the homeowner paid the rest. Oakhurst(Bright Oak) still has money to be spent. Spoke at Tom Wheelers Town Hall. Outreach and presentation with Captain Fairbanks and Bobby McCauley in Mudge Ranch, Ahwahnee Hills, Miami Highlands, Hillsborough Loop. New community Nelder Heights submitted application. Mariposa Gazette wrote an article on Firewise. Outreach is going well, Julie is fielding calls daily regarding Firewise. One Tree Planted event 45 students planted just under 300 trees at Calvin Crest.
- North Fork Rancheria- Mary Stalter- Hosted Earth Day. A good crowd, close to 200 people. Lots of positive feedback. Educated kids with water shed gave out goods. Great outreach.Partnering with the county for Emergency Services. Ribbon cutting was last week.
- Executive Director report - Julie- See attached report. Firewise outreach is going well. Fielding calls and emails daily. Had an increase in contacts for EQIP... funds are limited and shared in many communities. \$6,000 for more equipment. Asking the board to look at a new printer and computer using the NACD. One Tree Planted ordered 1,000 trees, purchased 2 folding tables, 3 padded chairs, big cooler, water cooler for volunteers, shovels, tree bags, and curriculum. Along with three banners were purchased



through the One Tree Planted grant. Reporting completed for One Tree Planted. T-Shirt orders and banners from Abby Beheigy went great.

4:45

Old Business

- Succession Planning – Additional Staff: Admin Ass't salary survey- We budgeted 15-18 dollars an hour. We need to revisit the salary to attract and obtain staff members who would like to stay. These salaries are budgeted from the grants we have. We lost community buy-in with the turnover of employees. Looked at Special Districts Salary schedules. Fresno State and community colleges would be a good place to post jobs and be a good connection for outreach for new employees.
- AB 361 – continue with distance meetings- Melissa motions. Nancy seconds. Motion Carried.
- Audit update- Email from CPA with a list of items to move forward with. David and Julie will work on those items for the audit.

5:00

New Business

- NF Fire Auxiliary membership \$100. We would like to continue the membership that fits into our mission. Nancy makes a motion to renew our membership. David seconds. Motion carries. Jon will facilitate our membership.
- Prescribed Burn- Melissa puts a motion to approve partnership with Prescribed Burn... David seconds it. Motion carried.
- Staff Stipend for benefits, phone & internet Yosemite Sequoia offers \$50 stipend for home and internet and \$200 for benefits if they choose not to take advantage of YSRCDC health benefits. Melissa puts into motion the stipends and nancy seconds. Motion carries.
- Correspondence- No correspondence

5:05 Workshops / Events / Presentations

IRWM meeting: May 23, 2022 @ 1:30pm Zoom

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Next Meeting June 9, 2022, 4:00pm via Zoom