



Meeting Minutes for: Thursday, April 13 2023, from 4pm to 5:15pm

In-Person Meeting

Rayles Conference Room

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4:00 Call to Order 4:02

Approval of the Agenda Jay makes a motion to approve the agenda and Melissa seconds the agenda. Motion carries.

Introductions

Public Comment **Please limit comments to 2 minutes**

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Consent Agenda

- Approval of the Minutes of March 9-2023 & Financial report March 2023-
Lyndall makes a motion to approve the consent agenda and financial report. Melissa Seconds the agenda. Motion carries.

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Reports – Please limit to 5 minutes per organization

- NRCS – Mira Dick- *Mira will be here in person in the next meeting with Johnny as well. All RCDC grants have been closed. Happy to help with mapping next year. IRA money has changed. Additional staff has still not been found. Some positions will be flown soon. Looking for local people. 15 RCPP's were written and only one went through and was approved. Julie asking for the RCPP applicants information and who has been granted funds. It's part of the reporting for NACD. Individual private property let Mira know for emergency assistance and resources or programs can be evaluated. Larger properties and bigger challenges let Mira know as well as she can record. A cultural review done before any soil disturbance. If the Cultural Review has already occurred on the footprint, projects can move forward.*
- Madera Dept of Water Resources – Jeannie Habben. *Not present.*
- Madera County – Bobby Macauley- *Not Present.*
- North Fork Rancheria - Mary Stalter- *Earth day may have rain and will be the Gaylen memorial Building- The Heritage building, but a building may be open to get some relief from the rain. Mickey is no longer working with NF Rancheria.*
- CALFIRE – Mike Keyser- *Reviewing fire grants. If grants have not been rejected, it's looking good. Some funding has been cut and funding amounts may need to be reduced.*
- Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council – Ashley Nebeker- *Grant through COCO AIM- hiring a forester to create multi-layered shovel ready projects. May 9th, he will be officially on the books. Working with CALfire to align directly*



with them. 612 and 225 for evacuation plans with a contractor. Looking at the end of June to be completed.

- Yosemite Sequoia RC & D – Erin Capuchino- *Moving forward with a direct grant opportunity submitted yesterday at noon. Contractor is ready to go when it is approved. Reaching out for support with outreach. Looking at a CRCD as a precursor. YSRC-D is for storm damage versus the fire safely from the CRCD model. Working with the county on determining FEMA funds. Advanced assistance FEMA workshop. Looking for a collaboration for the workshop April, 26th. Time will be shared. Shared documents with the organizations involved, CRCD, YSRC, and Fire Safe Council.*
- Firewise and Pollinator programs – Jon/Kelly- *See attached reports. David asked about Title 9 funds. No new funds are coming through. Ashley asked: Started with Gaia GIS- Ashley asked about dropping pinpoints to the addresses that are a part of the mapping system. ArcGIS system can potentially allow for resident leaders to add pins to map homes that are a part of the Firewise community.*
- Executive Director report - Jon- *See attached reports.*

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Old Business

- Succession Planning and Personnel-*Julie and Kayla have been training one another. Kayla is sharing the load with Julie. Ashley is employed and working on curriculum. Savannah is going to get a meeting with us next week and will be in charge of the treasurer's report. Staff members will be able to meet remotely to save funds on transportation and staff time.*
- Savings Account Letter to Bank- *Opened up separate savings accounts for different grant monies. The letter to the bank allows for Jon and Julie to open these new savings accounts. We need to declare Kayla a designated signatory for signing checks. Jay makes a motion to approve Kayla on the signatory of the bank when we send the letter for the savings accounts. She will be able to sign after her probationary period next month. Jay makes a motion to approve and David seconds it. Motion approved.*
- End of AB 361/Video conference Equipment for Hybrid Meetings- *End of the public emergency, so in person meetings are now a need, but partners may still need to join in a hybrid model. Audio and visual equipment will cost \$1,000 - \$1,200 for the system. Two systems have been researched: logitech and Polycom. Firewise grant can enable the purchase of this. \$730 for the camera and bar and \$150 -\$200 for the pods. Jay feels the polycom bundle may be the best option. Jay makes a motion to approve the purchase and Lyndall seconds. Motion carries.*

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New Business

- Correspondence and Bills- *Jay's form 700 came into the mail.*
- CALFire Equipment-Discussing option for a vehicle. *Cal fire cannot finance the equipment. Julie has been on the phone with the bank. The best way to move forward to cash is to purchase a vehicle with general funds. It would be about a \$44,000 vehicle. The account will still be at \$14,000- \$19,000 of indirect funds which would give us enough padding. Look into Fleet vehicles.*



- Phone for Jon- Jay proposes to get the cell phone plan with the hot spot for a CRCD. Jay makes a motion to approve a new phone number, a new phone, a hot spot on the CRCD account. David seconds. Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourn-6:05 pm

Workshops / Events / Presentations

- Wasuma Elementary Earth Day: April 14, 2023
- One Tree Planted with North Fork Elementary: April 17, 2023 8:00am-1:00pm
- Earth Day Event with North Fork Rancheria: April 22, 2023 9:00am-3:00pm
- IRWM meeting: April 24, 2023 1:30pm Zoom
- Drought Workshop: April 21, 2023 10:00am Zoom

Adjourn: Next Meeting May 11, 2023 4:00pm via Zoom