

Meeting Minutes for February 14th, 2025

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3:30

Call to order - 3:38

Introductions – Jon Cottington, Mira Dick, Melissa Cottington, Lyndall Erb, David Konno, Julie Konno, Christi Hansard, Kai Hansen, Whitney Lecat, Jay Seslow, Erin Capuchino, Kelly Green

Approval of the Agenda – Melissa motions to approve, all approved

Public Comment: *Please limit comments to 2 minutes*

3:35

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the Minutes – *Lyndall makes a motion to approve, Melissa seconds, all approved.*
- Approval of January Treasurer's Report/Financial Report – *Bookkeeper is out sick and was unable to produce a TR in time for the board meeting*

3:40

Partner Reports – Please limit reports to 5 minutes

- NCRS – Mira Dick – *at a stand still due to federal freeze, waiting on an answer for RCPP updates, Inflation Reduction Act EQUIP contracts are not being paid on currently and are not obligating any new contracts until further notice, still working on updating projects to give to CRCDC for project map, EQUIP contract applications and engagement in TA is still active for now but the exercising of the program is currently paused.*
- CALFIRE – Mike Keyser
- Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council – Ashley Nebeker
- Yosemite Sequoia RC & D – Erin Capuchino – *YSRC&DC also dealing with Federal Freeze repercussions, two grants are at a full stop including CocoAIM grant, awarded a microgrant from Sierra Institute to continue to work on Sierra Sequoia interactive map, hosting a partner workshop and virtual workshop soon, Erin has meeting with Fish & Wildlife for potential beaver restoration on their Oakhurst River project and would potentially want to involve CRCDC in the project as a subcontractor hopefully, informed on Tuesday that CALFIRE grants will come available March/April with funding available in December.*
- Madera Dept. of Water Resources – Jeannie Habben
- Madera County – Bobby Macaulay
- North Fork Rancheria – Lance Fink

3:55

CRCDC Reports

- Firewise Report – Kelly Green - *No Firewise report this month due to the federal freeze. A few FW events planned for February, otherwise continuing CSE contractual work on FW communities*
- Executive Director Report – Jon Cottington – *see attached report*

4:10

Old Business

4:10

New Business

- Federal Grant Freeze – *a little over a million dollars in funding that is frozen at the moment*

over various grants, CRCD has enough state funding to survive for over a year but a second year of a freeze would be difficult. Underserved community grant and the NACD TA grant are at risk for being taken away completely.

- *Staffing - Need to add Whitney as a signer for the bank, Melissa makes a motion, Lyndall seconds, CRCD will need to post job opening for Executive Director. Jon agrees to stay on to help training. Jon/Whitney working with Bizhaven HR Consulting and will post hopefully next week after we receive updated documents*
- *New Grant Proposals – Oak Woodlands \$249,000 grant proposal moving forward, Arbor Day Community small proposal submitted recently, Title III Funds waiting to come in*
- *Board Member Updates – Christi added to next county meeting for board addition, Whitney was notified that David & Melissa’s terms were up and county clerk was curious if they’re automatically renewed or if they need to be voted on. Will table the vote until next months meeting when Christi comes on.*
- *Trainings & Form 700s – Harassment & Ethics training need to be done every two years, Whitney will send out form 700s next week.*

4:40 **Workshops/Events/Presentations**

- YLP Fire Brigade 2/11/25 @ 6PM
- North Fork Auxiliary Fire Department Meeting 2/22/25 @ 2PM

4:45 **Adjourn to Executive Session -**

Next Meeting March 14th at 3:30PM, Raley’s Conference Room: 40041 CA-49 #49, Oakhurst, CA 93644