

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, July 18th, 2023
M.C.T.O. at 6:32 pm

Board Members Present: Bill Buckman [X], Clay Jacobson [X], Chuck Macfarlane [X]
Don Martin [X], Chris Christofferson [X], Pat Oilar [X]

Staff: Sharmie Stevenson [X], Todd Sloat [X], Julie Allen [X]

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: Christiana Darlington, Sarah Oldson
Via phone: Deb Bumpus

New Business

CalFRAME Presentation: Christiana Darlington, Clere Inc, Consultant and Attorney At Law, gave a presentation on the status of the NE CA CalFRAME project (OPR). She discussed a JPA structure and how it could possibly benefit RCDs in fuels reduction work and biomass aggregation/utilization. Notified the board of the upcoming stakeholder meeting scheduled for August 28th in Redding. Discussion followed.

WUI Plantation Corridor NEPA: Deb Bumpus, Forest Supervisor LNF, called in to discuss the latest on the forest/district wide NEPA. Forest Program Prioritization no longer supports original plans/discussions. The RCD has SNC funding to carry out the work – funding will run out in 2025. Discussion on where NEPA project currently is and what needs to be done in order to move things forward.

Intermountain Fair Booth: Discussed having a booth at the Intermountain Fair to increase community engagement as part of the CalFire Forest Health Grants. Would have to sell something and find volunteers to man the booth. M/S Clay Jacobson/Chris Camarata to move forward with the booth. Motion passed.

2023-2024 Budget: Tabled to next meeting.

Consent Calendar

Minutes May 16th, 2023

Expenditures 05/16/2023 – 07/18/2023

M/S Don Martin/Clay Jacobson to approve consent calendar. Motion Passed.

Old Business

Procurement Policy: Sharmie reached out to other RCDs and Fire Safe Councils regarding their local bidding preferences – no one has a procurement policy with local bidder preferences. M/S Chris Camarata/Don Martin to approve local bidders preference change within procurement policy.

New Equipment Discussion: Julie has not been able to look into new equipment, will bring to next meeting.

Fall River Lake Easement Amendment: Julie and Sharmie filled the board in on where the Easement Amendment Process was. Amendment is not complete but moving forward. Discussion followed.

Executive Director Report

Sara Edson Retirement: Sharmie notified the Board that Sara Edson, CPA, will be retiring. Need to find a replacement to handle RCD payroll. The board asked Sharmie if she would be willing to take that task on. Sharmie accepted as it would only take a few minutes each month. M/S Chris Camarata/Clay Jacobson to have Sharmie start handling the payroll. Motion passed.

IRWM Extension: Sharmie notified the board that the project is needing a 2-year extension to October 2025 in order to get the pipeline across the canal for the Fairgrounds well. Still waiting to receive easement agreements with PGE.

FP Big Eddy/Dana Projects: Big Eddy Project is moving forward. Dana Project received too much interest – not enough money to cover all landowners. Looking to pull out big land owners and add to another project.

Grant Status Report: Tabled to next meeting.

Office Remodel Update: The board reviewed a bid for the wheelchair ramp. M/S Pat Oilar/Chuck MacFarlane to move forward with bid.

Range Manager Report

Partners Project Updates: Julie reported that she has not received any updates on where the projects are at. She is trying to get information on the status of the permits now that Cassie Roeder is no longer with the Partners Program and they have not back filled her position.

DU Well Updates: Duane Conners with equip the well later this summer. PGE will not hook up power or put in new poles until the well has been equipped.

McArthur Rd Well/Pivot: The PGE application has been submitted. Jullie is in contact with Randy Powers. A meeting is scheduled for August 3rd. Julie requested that Pat Oilar and/or Bill Buckman be present at the meeting.

Mosquito Spraying: Julie reported that she had spoken with Jody Morgan at the Mosquito Pest Abatement. Jody requested that the RCD put word out to potential farmers/ranchers who would be willing to allow spraying treatment on their fields contact Jody Morgan to discuss options. Discussion followed.

Regular meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday August 15th, 2023 at 7:00 PM