

AMADOR
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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DIRECTORS
Steve Cannon, Carole Marz, Dan Port, Emily Taylor, Kelsi Williams
Associate Directors

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE: November 18, 2021 **TIME:** 3:00 PM **LOCATION:** 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642

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ROLL CALL
AGENDA

Approval of agenda for this date; any and all off-agenda items must be approved by the Board of Directors
Pursuant to Para 5495.2 of the government code.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA CONSIDERATION OF
"EMERGENCY OR "SUBSEQUENT NEED" ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA Cal. Gov't Code 54954.2(b)(2)

Item #	Time Allotted	Topic
1	3:05 – 3:30	Jackson Creek Watershed Project – Molly Taylor - update and action on approving involvement in CalFire VTP environmental process
2	3:30 – 3:35	Approval of itemized warrants. Discussion and action on invoice from LGM construction
3	3:35 – 3:40	Approval of minutes of past meetings
4	3:40 – 3:55	NRCS Report
5	3:55 – 4:10	District Manager Report – Amanda Watson Three Meadows Project – Wrap up and list of issues to address
6	4:10 – 4:35	Treasurer Report – regular report SAWQA Budget and fees - action
7	4:25 – 4:40	CARCD dues – action
8	4:40 – 4:50	Community Garden Water Bill – discussion and possible action
9	4:50 – 4:55	Correspondence
10	4:55	Adjourn

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Minutes for Regular Meeting of October 2021

Called to order at 3:00 p.m. at 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA

Present were: Directors Cannon, Marz, Port, & Williams
Dana Simpson, Megan Watts

Absent: Director Taylor, District Manager Amanda Watson

Motion to approve the agenda by Director Port with addition of SAWQA update as item 9, moving Adjourn to item 10, 2nd by Director Marz, Motion passed

No oral communications - none

Warrants: 9 warrants (attached). Motion to approve warrants made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Marz. Motion passed.

Minutes of past meetings – minutes for regular meeting of 9/16/21 and special meeting of 9/28/21 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Director Port, seconded by Director Williams, Motion passed.

NRCS Report – report is attached. Teleconference connection was not successful, so DC Parsons was not able to attend.

Jackson Creek Watershed Project – request for report in our November meeting to know what the status of the project is, what the next steps are and what coordination we need to do with the Amador Fire Safe Council. We will talk with Amanda about her plan for filling Molly's position as the project coordinator when she departs.

The discussion of this project inspired Director Port to give a good explanation and description of all the current ARCD projects to Dana Simpson and Megan Watts.

Treasurer Report – No formal report. Admin Asst. Dana Simpson gave an update on her work to get the ARCD financial system inputted to Quickbooks. All information from July to the current day has been inputted. Past info that is pertinent will be inputted. There are still some expenses due and other info yet to be inputted, but good progress is being made.

CARCD dues – Still waiting on info from CARCD and other sources to help us figure out our dues.

Letter of Support for Mother Lode Land Trust – Steve suggested sending a letter of support to the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council regarding the granting of conservation easement authority to the MLLT for the North Mokelumne unit of the former PG&E lands in Amador and Calaveras County. Director Marz moved and Director Port 2nd to send letter. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 2 absent.

Correspondence – none

SAWQA update – Fees due to the State Regional Water Board are likely to go up, resulting in a probable need to raise membership fees. The state has also changed their need for more information on member landowners and member lessees. The state requests have complicated the management of the database and some things need to be worked out to manage the database and to be able to provide the info to the state. Invoices to members for membership fees will be going out later because of the reporting issues with the state.

Next meeting is November 18, 2021

Respectfully submitted - SQCannon



USDA-NRCS Report by Bobette Parsons, District Conservationist, Jackson LPO November 2021

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Conservation Incentives Program (CIC)

- Administration on-going on 102 active conservation contracts to treat 34,690 acres.
- Federal funding of 5.42 million dollars obligated for conservation activities in active contracts.
- Total of 18 new contracts (22 plans) on 14,841 acres obligating \$825,074 for conservation activities.
- New Contracts include 8 RCPP, 1 CIC, 2 CSP, 6 EQIP on cropland, rangeland and forest.

Program Deadlines

- FY22 EQIP and RCPP application deadlines are December 10th and April 1st for set funding cycles with established ranking dates of January 28th and May 27th but applications are still accepted year-round.
- FY22 CSP application deadline is April 1st with ranking May 27th.
- FY22 ACEP-ALE application deadline from sponsoring entity to the State Office is December 1st.

Conservation Planning 2022

- On-going requests for assistance being received, with needed planning on Tree Mortality, General forestry, RCPP, Rangeland and Cropland acreages.
- Numerous requests for planning on Forest and Rangeland (over 80 requests at present).

Staff Updates

- NRCS Area 3 Forester is being re-advertised and when filled will help with Jackson workload.
- NRCS Forester Position Description is in progress for Jackson and will be advertised likely in 2022. No date set yet.
- Tony Rolfes, Acting Assistant State Con for Field Operations, A3 will be replaced by Johnny Siliznoff as the new Assistant State Con for Field Operations, A3 on November 21st. Johnny is presently the DC in Madera.
- Vince Campa, prior ARCD NR Specialist started 11/7/21 as new Forester with NRCS Placerville
- NRCS Office remains open for business through telework and rotational staff time in office. Office is closed to clients and visitors, but field work continues with social distancing. Mandatory masking for all indoor USDA facilities regardless of vaccination. Travel limitations in place.

Amador RCD
District Manager Report
Prepared for: November 18th 2021 Board Meeting

Staffing Updates:

Dana Simpson hired and successfully on-boarded.

Current Projects Updates:

Three Meadows, NFWF Grant: Implementation of all field work has been completed. Final payment to contractor outstanding. Need to address force majeure claim.

Amador Rangeland Soil Health Research and Education Project, WesternSARE –no update

Community Chipping Program: Extension granted until 12/31/2021. Contractor agreed to extend contract. KC Ranchette will have a community chipping day with 16 homeowners participating.

Patagonia Carbon Farm Plan: working with CCI to complete reporting, all work completed. First payment received, AW needs to submit final invoice.

Healthy Soil Program Technical Assistance Funding- ARCD received \$60,000 to provide technical assistance for the next round of funding. This is the second round of funding ARCD has received. Molly held a workshop with 9 attendees. 3 applications have been submitted with 6 more for planned submission. ARCD provided TA for a grazing management plan as a requirement on one application.

Monarch Habitat Garden: No update

Mitchell Mine Fuel Break Maintenance/Demonstration: Agreement is fully executed. Working on contract with UCCE for trials. Developing list/mapping of areas for maintenance, outreaching to landowners.

NACD 2021: \$100,000 awarded to assist NRCS with Technical Assistance. Submitted Quarter 1 financial report, AW working on Quarter 1 accomplishments reporting.

RCPP: In Batch 4 the Jackson Office and RCD staff had 8 RCPP clients funded for a total of \$105,830 this is 15% of the total funding for this batch, there were a total of 38 projects funded. Staff is working to fully execute contracts and assist current clients.

Community Chipping Grant: Funding awarded. CCI/CalFire Fire Prevention Grant for a three-year program, requested a total of \$718,000. AW is working on final agreement edits.

Grazing for Fuels Prevention and Forest Health: Funding awarded. Grant submitted to Forest Health Project to treat 1000 acres in the Jackson Creek Watershed; 3.6 million requested over 3-year agreement. First Advisory Committee meeting held. Molly and AW working on researching CEQA requirements, possible agreement with Board of Forestry for CalVTP assistance, drafting contract with UCCE for ecological monitoring and assistance, drafting contract with Tehama RCD for GIS specialist assistance for initial mapping.

Amador Resource Conservation District

Grant	Timing	Grant Total	Notes
SARE	1.5 years	\$23,607.00	Several quarters of reporting/invoicing
Healthy Soils Program 1	2 years	\$59,996.28	2 quarters of reporting/invoicing due
Healthy Soils Program 2		\$60,000.00	Check on initial agreement
Chipping Grant		\$190,340.00	Quarter Report Due/Extension Granted 12/31/2021
3 Meadows Implem.- NFWF	8 months	\$404,411.00	Annual Financial reporting Due
CFP- Patagonia (funds remaining)	Grant Term Completed	\$14,500.00	Need to submit final invoice
Mitchell Mine Maintenance	2 years	\$337,000.00	Executed
SAWQA	Ongoing		
RCPD			Several quarters of reporting/invoicing
NACD (Grant 3)		\$100,000.00	Final Report due
NACD (Grant 4)		\$100,000.00	1 quarter of accomplish. reporting due
Jackson Creek Watershed Grazing Project	3 years	\$3,300,000.00	Awaiting final signature
Chipping Grant Year ROUND 2	3 years	\$718,000.00	Need to make agreement updates/submit
Pending Grants/Projects			
Carbon Hub Implementation	3 years	\$ 400,000.00	

Amador Fire Safe Council

Grant	Timing	Grant Total	Notes
Ingress/Egress Grant (CalFire)	1.5 years	\$ 1,044,000.00	Create original advance/quarter report
Ingress/Egress Grant Extension (CalFire)	2 years	\$ 600,000.00	Check Agreement status (make file/binder)
Mitchell Mine Fuel Break			Quarter Report Due. Check on advance request
Tiger Creek Fuel Break- Grant 1 (SNC)	1.5 years	\$ 1,500,000.00	Check on advance status
Tiger Creek Fuel Break- Grant 2 (SNC)			Check Agreement status (make file/binder)
AmCo Planning Grant			Check on invoice/reporting
Pine Acres Maintenance Grant			
CAFSC- County Coordinator	1.5 years	\$175,000	
Pending Grants/Projects			
Communications Grant (Thru Volcano)		\$5,000.00	
AmCo Implementation Grant			