

Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2022

Templeton, CA

- I. Call to Order. Vice Chair Mike Broadhurst called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm and determined a quorum was present. Directors attending: Mary Bianchi, Dolores Howard, Mike Broadhurst, Randy Heinzen, George Kendall. Staff present: Devin Best. Members of the public present: none.
- II. Additions/Changes to the Agenda. It was decided to hold the closed session whenever County Counsel Ben Dore called in.
- III. Public Comment. None.
- IV. RCD Reports.
  - a. Board Updates. None.
  - b. Executive Director's Report. Devin Best reviewed the ED's report included in the board packet. Highlights: Gerhardt project repair will likely be done in the summer of 2023; staff is working to clarify remaining balances. Cal Fire Monterey Pines: Spencer Gordon will present 2 pending PSAs to the board in January. Willow Creek: The board requested a legal opinion from Best, Best and Krieger or CARCD regarding the pledge and land transfer.
- V. Closed Session. At 4:24 pm County Counsel Ben Dore joined the meeting via zoom. Randy Heinzen moved to enter Closed Session. Mike Broadhurst seconded. Approved. The board exited closed session at 4:35 pm. There were no actions to report.
- VI. Consent Agenda.
  - a. October Minutes. Board reviewed minutes prepared by Devin Best.
  - b. Treasurer's Report. Mary Bianchi provided a brief verbal report but no formal written report. She stated that she plans to meet with the new book keeper to clarify finances and reporting responsibilities. Randy Heinzen moved approval of the October minutes. Dolores Howard seconded. Approved with Mike Broadhurst and George Kendall abstaining.
- VII. Other Agency, Director and Association Reports.
  - a. NRCS. No Report.
  - b. WRAC. Dolores Howard gave a brief summary of the November WRAC meeting, which covered the Paso Robles Groundwater GSP. It was suggested that this PSA should be further discussed in early 2023.

- c. ALAB. Mary Bianchi discussed the November meeting, which covered the Paso Robles area Planting Ordinance, a pending AG Pass Program during wildfires, and the Certified Pesticide Applicator Test.

VIII. Board Action Item.

- a. Executive Director Salary – COLA. Mary Bianchi summarized previous board discussions on this topic. Randy Heinzen moved to provide a COLA for the ED of 7% retroactive to September 2022. Dolores Howard seconded. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

IX. Agenda Setting. Willow Creek Project Review, including approval of any public messaging. Mid-Term financial report. Hiring Update (Conservation Tech). Closed Session re performance review. Next meeting January 17 at 4 pm.

X. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm.