

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

REGULAR BOARD

MEETING

August 14, 2023 at 6pm
305 Lincoln St.
Sierraville, CA

APPROVED

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

Note: This is audio only. Video conference will not be available.

Phone Number: 1 (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 860 5842 7118

Passcode: 354174

MINUTES

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:07pm**
2. **Roll call** – Directors present: Rick Roberti, Annie Tipton, Chad Smith, Bryan Griffin
Not in Attendance: Lorenzo Larrucea
Others in Attendance: Victoria Fisher, Paul Roen Sierra County BOS, Willo Vieira Plumas-Sierra Ag Commissioner, Tracy Schohr UCCE, Ben McNally NRCS
3. **Approval of Agenda**
**Director Tipton motioned to approve the agenda. Director Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
4. **Election of Officers**
 - A) **Terms & Officer Rolls:** Terms and officer roles were discussed with the board.
 - B) **Election of New Officers:** The Board proceeded with the election. *Director Griffin moved to keep the current officers in their positions with Rick Roberti remaining as Chair and Annie Tipton as Vice-Chair. Director Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Approval of July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**
** Director Griffin motioned to approve the July 10, 2023 minutes. Director Tipton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
7. **Announcements:** None.
8. **Discussion/Action: Financial Report & Executive Director's Update**
 - A) **Financial Review/ Payment of Invoices:** Director Tipton reviewed the bank statements for July 2023 and invoices from Victoria Fisher. These invoices were approved with her SNC #1314 grant invoice to be paid once the 3rd advance is received. The money market account had been closed due the funding being expended until Victoria was told that the RCD could submit a 3rd advance. The last balance noted in the account was transferred back to the money market account to avoid bank fees and will be held there until it is time to move the funding back into the general account. Last, Victoria commented that the balance on the agenda does not reflect what the current account balances are since the money market account was re-established. The true balances are reflected in these minutes. *Director Tipton motioned to approve the financial report and invoices as presented. Director Griffin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
 - B) **General Account Balance:** Account balance is \$7,876.42. No checks pending.

C) SNC #1314 Money Market Account Balance: Account balance is \$18,710.41. No checks pending.

9. Discussion/Action: County Conditional Permitting

*The board will keep this on the agenda for future discussion.

10. Discussion/ Action: Allotment Grazing

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11. Discussion/ Action: Smithneck WUI Forest Health & Fuels Reduction Project

A) 3rd Advance Request & Project Update: SNC offers a 3rd advance. Two financial reports, the latest 6-month progress report and a 3rd advance request were submitted and approved. Danielle updated via email that she is working with CDFW to identify additional acreage to add to the project. Stacey Anderson has left and we are waiting for a new biologist to be announced. In the meantime, John Watkins has stepped in and is assisting with the project. Danielle believes that they should be able to meet the 723-project acreage threshold with the potential to add in an additional 2-3 acres. When conditions allow, Paul Roen will move his equipment back in to continue his work. It was also noted that Paul has 1 ½ invoices outstanding but the advance should be received soon that they can catch him up to current.

12. Discussion/ Action: Future Ag Project Opportunities

A) Noxious Weeds/ Potential Applicator Option: The board would like to take into consideration the need to train someone to spray white-top in the valley. Director Roberti suggested that the board consider future funding opportunities to train someone. Supervisor Roen reminded the board that the RAC funding is coming around and that the board should reach out to USFS to see about potential to submit a grant. Willo said that her office just received the contract to spray roadside.

B) Sierra Valley Grasshoppers: This continues to be an issue and will remain on the agenda.

13. Discussion/ Action: Committee/ Agency Reports

Agency Reports, Open Floor: Ben McNally reported that they are in the middle of their deadline period and have a quality insurance review being done next week.

14. Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:47pm.

NEXT MEETING: September 11, 2023, Sierraville