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MISSION RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
138 S. Brandon Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028

District Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2024
3:00 p.m.
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by President Scott Murray.

II. Welcome Guests Rose Corona, TEAM RCD, Lance Andersen, Consultant

III. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum - Quorum present.

Directors present: Scott Murray, President
Julia Escamilla, Vice President
Bob Lin, Treasurer
Victor Santos, Director
Peggy Brown, Director

Associates present: Cheryl Lindberg, Ross Pike, Mark Mervich
Staff present: Ani Vartanians, District Manager

IV. Additions to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2(b)) - none.

V. Oral Communications to the Board of Directors – none.

SECTION 1 - CONSENT ITEMS

- 1-A: Treasurer’s Reports – July 2024
- 1-B: Monthly Expenses – July 2024
- 1-C: Minutes – July 20, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Items. The motion carried under the following vote:

- Director Murray, Aye
- Director Escamilla, Aye
- Director Santos, Aye
- Director Lin, Aye
- Director Brown, Aye

SECTION 2 - STAFF, OTHER AGENCY, DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 2-A: NRCS Report – A written report was reviewed.
- 2-B: District Manager Report – Ani Vartanians reported on the Mission Ave Medians project: improvements made; status of donations; signage.
- 2-C: Directors Reports – none.
- 2-D: Legislate Update – none.
- 2-E: Board Committee Reports – Director Escamilla reported on a very successful Fire and Water Expo. Director Santos reported on Grants activity. Director Brown: waiting for EDCO recycling plant tour date.
- 2-E: Consultant Lance Andersen described his role with MRCD, including several ongoing projects under grants, training staff in grant-writing, and developing “Resilient Farms for San Diego” under an NACD grant.

SECTION 3 - CORRESPONDENCE - none received.

SECTION 4 - BOARD ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS



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4-1 Consulting Agreement – Lance Andersen A Professional Services Agreement between MRCD and Mr. Andersen; "Exhibit C, Compensation" was considered by the Board. Approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Andersen’s proposal under Exhibit C. It was clarified that projects under awarded grants are compensated according to the grant. The motion carried under the following vote:

- Director Murray, Aye
- Director Escamilla, Aye
- Director Santos, Aye
- Director Lin, Aye
- Director Brown, Aye

4-2: New Hire candidate – DM Vartanians discussed the search for a full time Ag Specialist and offered Ms. Emily Andersen’s resume. The Board endorsed the DM’s decision to hire Ms. Anderson for the position.

4-3: Home Assessment Program and Funding Source – There was significant discussion about the Program offered by RCD of Greater San Diego, its inception, and MRCD’s level of participation in the program. MRCD’s Programs Subcommittee actively continues to seek independent funding.

4-4: TEAM RCD collaboration with Greater SD RCD (Possible Action) - Rose Corona offered background and insight about previous TEAM RCD and MRCD collaborations and was hopeful the MRCD would continue to seek collaborative projects.

4-5: LAFCO – DM Vartanians advised she has met with a LAFCO consultant on general matters of interest to MRCD; she will maintain ongoing discussions with him and report back to the Board.

SECTION 5 - CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held. Director Escamilla provided written Brown Act guidance on the subject.

SECTION 6 – AGENDA SUGGESTIONS – NEXT MEETING - November 11/18/2024 Introduction of a Staff Member to the Board.

- Continuing discussion on Board Workshop.
- Invite Fire Safe Council to attend next Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.,

Minutes approved on: November 18, 2024

Approved by: *Jeff A. Zuma* President

Attest by: *Peggy M...*