

**Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - MEETING AGENDA  
April 20, 2022 5:30pm**

**Teleconference Information**

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**Notice:** *This meeting will be held in accordance with AB 361 and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act. The Board will hold this meeting telephonically using Google Meet. All members of the public may observe and participate in the meeting via teleconference or webcast.*

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Stuart Crook, Stephen Dietrich, Kirk Ford, Maiya Morrison, Jim Phelan, Mike Sardella, Galen Weston

**Public Comment**

*(5 minutes per item maximum) We would like to welcome the members of the public who have taken the time to bring their concerns to this meeting. Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. This need not be related to any item on the agenda; however, the Board cannot act on an item unless it was noticed on the agenda.*

**Business**

1. Discussion and action related to Remote Meetings and Resolution 2022-04.
2. Discussion and action related to Minutes for March 2022 Board Meeting.
3. Discussion and action related to American Forest Foundation My Sierra Woods Project, Forester Position.
4. Discussion and action related to Resolution 2022-05 CCRCD HWY 108 North Fuel Break Project.
5. Discussion and action related to TCRCD Staffing.
6. Discussion and action related to TCRCD Grant Program Updates:
  - a. RCPP Forestry Program and CARCD Forestry PACE Program
  - b. Twain Harte Community Stormwater Enhancement Project
  - c. CAL Fire Fire Prevention Grant - Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Reduction Project
  - d. Mother Lode PBA
  - e. TStan IRWM Administration
  - f. Pending Project Proposals

**NRCS Update**

**District Manager Update**

**Correspondence and Announcements**

**Other Matters at the Discretion of the Chair**

**Adjournment**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact District Manager Lindsay Mattos at (209) 559-9066. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the TCRCD to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28CFR35.102-35.104 ADA Title II)*

**Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - MEETING MINUTES  
March 16, 2022**

*Notice: This meeting was held in accordance with AB 361 via Google Meet.*

**Call to Order:** 5:35 pm

**Roll Call:** Stuart Crook, Jim Phelan, Mike Sardella, Galen Weston

**Guests:** Jessica Baker, AFF and Dane Wadle, CSDA

**Public Comment:** No Comment.

**Business**

- Discussion and action related to Remote Meetings and Resolution 2022-03. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 by director Crook, second by director Sardella, roll called, motion passed unanimously.
  - Discussion and action related to Minutes for February 2022 Board Meeting. Motion to accept the minutes by director Crook, second by director Sardella, roll called, motion passed unanimously.
  - Discussion and action related to CSDA Field Coordinator and AB 1776. Dane Wadle our CSDA coordinator provided an update to the board as well as an overview of AB1776 which directly impacts RCD's ability to get reimbursed by the State similar to contractors. Board discussion on support for the bill.
  - Discussion and action related to American Forest Foundation My Sierra Woods Project, Demonstration Site on Wards Ferry Road. Presentation by Jessica Baker of AFF on the My Sierra Woods project and the possible demonstration sites for the project. Discussion by the board on how to provide support for the project. Motion by director Crook to authorize the District Manager to coordinate with AFF on the My Sierra Woods Project including entering into a contract with AFF to be the Lead Agency for CEQA, second by director Sardella, roll called, motion passed unanimously.
  - Discussion and action related to TCRCD Grant Program Updates:
    - RCPP Forestry Program and CARCD Forestry PACE Program
    - Twain Harte Community Stormwater Enhancement Project
    - CAL Fire Fire Prevention Grant - Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Reduction Project
    - Mother Lode PBA
    - TStan IRWM Administration
    - Pending Project Proposals
- L. Mattos provided an update on all of the current projects. Discussion by the board on the CAL Fire Pine Mtn Lake project. Motion by director Sardella to authorize the District Manager to enter into a fee for service agreement with Calaveras County RCD for management of the Pine Mtn Lake Fuel Reduction Project, second by director Crook, roll called, motion passed unanimously.

**NRCS Update:** No report provided.

**District Manager Update:** No additional update.

**Correspondence and Announcements:** None.

**Other Matters at the Discretion of the Chair:** None.

**Adjournment:** 6:45 pm

April 20, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD 30 DAYS PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District, specifically, Governor's Executive Orders (N-25-20, N-29-20, N-35-20); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find that continuing threat of COVID-19 has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the

requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District as follows:

Section 1. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Board hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the District, and the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District will be utilizing the option for virtual participation in meetings to ensure the safety of those participating in District business.

Section 2. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency,.

Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The District Manager and Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 4. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective for 30 days, or such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District at a meeting of the Board held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and second by \_\_\_\_\_.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

April 20, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RCD) AUTHORIZING THE CALAVERAS COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO PERFORM WORK ON THE HIGHWAY 108 NORTH FUEL BREAK IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, The Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD) s a non-regulatory Special District set up to promote Natural Resource Conservation in Tuolumne County,

WHEREAS, the function of the TCRCD is to take available technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of local land managers and citizens with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources,

WHEREAS, Calaveras County Resource Conservation District (CCRCD) has secured funding for the Highway 108 North Fuel Break through CAL Fire,

WHEREAS, the Highway 108 North Fuel Break is is approximately 124 acres in size, and parallels Middle Camp Road and Highway 108 along the top of the South Fork Stanislaus River canyon in Tuolumne County. This fuel break has been in the planning phases for several years. CEQA is complete and landowner agreements are in place. The RCD will be responsible for hiring a contractor to complete hazardous fuel reduction work, and for project oversight, including interaction with landowners, direction to contractors, preparation of invoices, and providing the Unit with information for CalMapper.

The Highway 108 North fuel break is in a Sierra Mixed Conifer type. Fuel reduction work will consist of removal of surface fuels, brush, and trees less than 12-inches diameter at breast height to create a shaded fuel break condition. Dead and dying trees of any size may be removed for safety and to ensure the functionality of the fuel break. Removal of surface and ladder fuels will generally be accomplished by mastication; however, tractor piling and burning may be used in areas where tree mortality has left accumulations of 1000 hour fuels. Residual trees will be pruned to a height of at least 8-feet above ground level.

WHEREAS, TCRCD supports the implementation of the Highway 108 North Fuel Break,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District authorizes the Calaveras County Resource Conservation District to work within the boundaries of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District for the implementation of the Highway 108 North Fuel Break.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District at a meeting of the Board held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and second by \_\_\_\_\_.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_