

**Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - MEETING AGENDA  
May 18, 2022 5:30pm**

**Teleconference Information**

Meeting ID: [meet.google.com/kqy-emub-pmw](https://meet.google.com/kqy-emub-pmw)

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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 Minutes for April 2022 Board Meeting.
2. Discussion and action related to American Forest Foundation My Sierra Woods Project - Brooks Ranch CEQA Document – Resolution No. 2022-06
3. 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**

**Closed Session: PERSONNEL MATTERS – PUBLIC EMPLOYEEMENT Gov. Code § 54957 – Review and appointment of Grant Administrator.**

**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 ProposalsL. 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

MAY 18, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE APPROVAL OF CEQA FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE BROOKS RANCH FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The function of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District is to take available technical, financial, and educational resources and coordinate them so that they meet the needs of local land managers and citizens for conserving soil, water, and related natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Fuel Reduction and Forest Health is a priority natural resource issue identified in the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District’s Strategic Plan to be addressed through District projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, The Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District has partnered with the American Forest Foundation to implement a Forest Health project;

WHEREAS, the American Forest Foundation requires environmental review for all grant funded projects through the My Sierra Woods Project;

WHEREAS, the Brooks Ranch Fuel Reduction Project will implement fuel reduction activities to improve the protection of communities and public and private lands from fire while protecting environmental, natural, and cultural resources. The project includes mastication of brush and small trees, hand treatments of brush and small trees and emergent brush follow-up treatments.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District hereby finds that the Brooks Ranch Fuel Reduction Project will not have any adverse effects on the environment. The project’s implementation will result in multiple benefits, including restoration of the forest, watershed, and wildlife habitat. There will be no significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitats. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site. The project will avoid all archeological resource sites. The project will not result in cumulatively significant impacts.

It is further RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District hereby finds that the Project is Exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15304, which exempts minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

It is further RESOLVED that the Board of Directors directs the Chair or District Manager to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of Tuolumne County and State Clearinghouse.

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: \_\_\_\_\_