

**Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - MEETING AGENDA  
March 15, 2023 5:30pm**

**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**

- Discussion and action related to Minutes for March 2023 Board Meeting.
- Discussion and action related to Resolution 2023-03 Climate Resilience Through Habitat Restoration Project.
- Discussion and action related to Resolution 2023-04 CalFire Urban Forestry Grant Proposal.
- Discussion and action related to TCRCO Grant Program Updates.
  - RCPP Forestry Program and CARCO Forestry PACE Program
  - My Sierra Woods Project
  - Twain Harte Community Stormwater Enhancement Project
  - CAL Fire Fire Prevention Grant - Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Reduction Project
  - Mother Lode PBA Coordination
  - TStan IRWM Administration
  - Pending Project Proposals
    - CalFire Forest Heath Proposal - Mother Lode PBA
    - CalFire Wildfire Prevention Proposal - PML Phase II

**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 TCRCO 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 15th, 2022**

**Call to Order: 5:31 pm**

**Roll Call:** Kirk Ford, Mike Sardella, Stephen Dietrich, Galen Weston, Maiya Morrison

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business**

- Discussion and action related to Minutes for February 2023 Board Meeting. Motion by director Weston to accept minutes, second by director Dietrich, director Morrison abstains, motion passed.
- Discussion and action related to UCCE Virtual Fencing Project. Brief overview of project provided by L. Mattos, presentation at upcoming meeting.
- Discussion and action related to TCRCD Grant Program Updates:

L. Mattos and T. Peller gave updates on each project including the two CalFire Grant applications that were submitted during the last month. Discussion by board on potential project locations for a Rancher 2 Rancher workshop in May or June, L. Mattos to reach out to possible ranchers. Discussion on possibility of utilizing Home and Garden Show for EQIP RCPP outreach. Written update provided for Mother Lode PBA by C. Rappaport.

**NRCS Update:** New District Conservationist Jennifer Wood provided an update on NRCS that included Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Environmental Quality Incentive Program, staffing at the NRCS Jackson Office, and revival of the Local Workgroup for NRCS.

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

**Correspondence and Announcements:** None.

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

**Adjournment:** 7:02 pm

April 19th, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

RESOLUTION OF THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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 CLIMATE RESILIENCE THROUGH HABITAT RESTORATION 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, Education and Outreach and Wildlife Habitat are priority natural resource issues 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 Calaveras County Resource Conservation District to implement a Wildlife Habitat project;

WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Resource Conservation District and California Association of Resource Conservation Districts require environmental review for this grant funded project;

WHEREAS, the Climate Resilience Through Habitat Restoration will place and monitor bird and bat nesting and roosting structures on existing structures on private lands through voluntary agreements with willing landowners.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District hereby finds that the Climate Resilience Through Habitat Restoration will not have any adverse effects on the environment. There will be no significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitats. There will be no hazardous materials at or around the project sites. 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.

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:

ABSTAIN:

AYES;

NOES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 2023-04

**RESOLUTION OF THE Board of Directors OF Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District  
(Title of Governing Body)**

*(City/County/District/nonprofit)*

**FOR FUNDING FROM THE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION.**

**WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the State Legislature has appropriated General Funds for the state’s urban forestry programs; and**

**WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and nonprofit organizations under the program, and**

**WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and**

**WHEREAS, the applicant will enter an agreement with the State of California to carry out an urban forestry project;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors:  
(Title of Governing Body)**

- **Approved the filing of an application for the Urban and Community Forestry grant program funds; and**
- **Certifies that said applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and,**
- **Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District are available to begin the project.**

*(Title of Governing Body)*

- **Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to March 30, 2026.**
- **Appoints District Manager, or a designee, as agent of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District to conduct negotiations,**

*(Position Title)*

*(Title of Governing Body)*

**execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the afore mentioned project.**

**Approved and adopted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.**

**I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, number \_\_\_\_\_, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*(City Council/Board of Supervisor/Board of Directors)*

**Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_ (Clerk signature)**