

**MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
205 N. Main St. (Bank of America)
Alturas, CA 96101**

Minutes
July 20, 2021

Directors Present: Pearce Flournoy, Erika Forrest, Dick Mackey, Lorissa Soriano (Associate)

Directors Absent: Jess Dancer, Jason Diven, Stacey Hafen, Chico Pedotti (Associate),

Staff Present: Reina Baremore

Guests Present: Richard Westman, Bryon Hadwick

Pearce Flournoy, called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. A quorum was not met.

Public Comment: Chris Christofferson, Modoc Forest Supervisor, joined the meeting in order to discuss development of an enhanced relationship between our agencies. Federal lands are abundant in Modoc. Land partnerships are a primary focus for the MFS. In 2016 MFS started working with Pit RCD. \$4.5 million funding was received by them from CalFire. Projects and ideas are requested from MRCD for development. Dick Mackey described the educational program through the River Center which is a key element which needs funding in order to continue. Lorissa Soriano mentioned the Master Stewardship agreement as a possible way to work together. After juniper removal takes place through NRCS projects, it would be good to continue to remove more juniper around aspen stands and chokecherry bushes. Perhaps some pine planting could also be incorporated. Creating an agreement would be the first step in this endeavor. A Supplemental Project Agreement would be the next step. Chris will prepare a draft agreement for the District for examination and approval.

Minutes: The June 15, 2021 minutes were tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: The July 2021 Treasurer's Report was tabled due to lack of a quorum

Correspondence:

Old Business:

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New Business:

- Dale McDougal, CDA, stopped by for a few minutes. Private and federal ground projects have been collaborated on with NRCS and other agencies. Meadow restoration and Devil's Garden projects are also ongoing. Several stewardship agreements are in place.

Director's Hours:

Jess Dancer	0	Lorissa Soriano (Assoc.)	4
Pearce Flournoy	4	Chico Pedotti (Assoc)	0
Erika Forrest	4	Richard Mackey	4
Stacey Hafen	0	Jason Diven	0

NRCS: Bryon Hadwick reported that the USDA office has a new program combining the CSP and EQIP programs for which applications have been received. Ranking deadline for Sage Grouse is 7/21/21. Fire funds may be available late this FY or early next FY.

Upper Pit River IRWM Report:

Coordinator Reports: Richard Westman reported that SNC Dry Creek project is progressing with identifying private and federal land sites for projects. SNC WIP regional planning process includes identifying other agency projects and rating them. Richard and Lorissa have worked with MFSC and the county to put together a crew which is now working on the CalPines MFSC project. AB2551 grant has been finalized which includes funds for a watershed coordinator and setting up a website. SNC and other District projects can be put on the website. Juniper Acres project requires completion of the CEQA which will require a signature in a few days. CDFA project in Ft. Bidwell is in progress. A meeting will be set up with Brianna Schnelle and Jason Diven in order to find out what has been completed on the project. Technical assistants available for healthy soils are being investigated.

Closed Session (As Needed):

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Next scheduled meeting will be August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at 1302 N. East St.

Respectfully submitted,

Reina G. Baremore, Business Manager
Stacey Hafen, Secretary/Treasurer