



Board Meeting Minutes

Location: MRCO Conference Room, 114 E. North St., Alturas, CA 96101
Date: April 21, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm

Attendance

Name	Title	Attendance	Participation
Erika Forrest	Chairman	Present	In Person
Jess Dancer	Vice Chair	Present	In Person
Stacey Hafen	Treasurer	Absent	—
Pearce Flournoy	Secretary	Present	In Person
Shaelene Tims	Director	Absent	—
Jason Diven	Director	Present	In Person
Tiffany Martinez	Director	Absent	—

Staff Present	Guests Present
Lani Cockrell	None
Mike Colbert	
Michelle Radtke	

Introduction

1. Erika Forrest, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.
 - a. A quorum was established.

Reports

1. District Manager – Lani Cockrell
 - a. Lani deferred her report to be presented alongside the Project Report.
2. Project Report – Mike Colbert
 - a. Mike presented the Grants and Projects Report as a written report. He noted that many projects had no update and provided highlights on active items.
 - b. SNC Grant 1124 (Dry Creek Ecological Site Watershed Plan) is in progress with all 25 site assessments completed. Four projects have been proposed: juniper removal and pine/fir reestablishment (7.1 acres), juniper removal and bitterbrush plantings (16.0 acres), streambank and riparian restoration (18.5 acres), and forest thinning and aspen reestablishment (17.1 acres). Staff will work with CDA on the planning for the four projects and the watershed restoration plan.



- c. The CAL FIRE North Overland Roadside Shaded Fuels Reduction Project is complete. The final report and invoice were submitted in March, and no feedback or requested revisions have been received to date. Cal Fire continues to burn piles on the Collins Pine parcels, and burning will continue after grant closeout. Approximately \$18,700 will be returned.
 - d. Lani reported that the USFS RAC Grant Children's Forest event dates have been scheduled for May 11, 12, and 14, 2026.
 - e. For the Modoc County Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP), Balance Hydrologics conducted initial site inspections on April 16 and 17, 2026. The Pit River site below the WWTP will use a bubble gage configuration. For the North Fork Pit site, Balance is considering a radar unit hung from the Estes Street bridge. The Bidwell Creek site is the most challenging: the original location is on BLM land with thick brush, trees, and questionable solar capacity, while the bridge site has good solar exposure but lacks the characteristics needed for accurate readings. Balance will continue researching the best configuration for Bidwell Creek.
 - f. For the Lassen/Modoc Flood Control & Water Conservation District Agricultural Well Metering Project, the two new meters and the warranty meter have been installed. Installations were inspected, but there is a question on whether the pipe configurations were set up correctly. A follow-up visit will be conducted to determine the pipe configuration inputted into the meters.
 - g. Lani reported that the BLM GNA funding amount will increase.
 - h. Lani reported that Caroline Gengo has been hired as the Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator under the Wildlife Conservation Network grant and will be located out of the HLVRCD office.
 - i. Regarding the SNC Wildfire & Forest Resilience Grant application, MRCD staff met with Tuli Potts (SNC) to review why the application was not funded. She indicated that the lack of landowner response was the biggest issue, noting that SNC is prioritizing larger projects with fewer landowners to reduce the risk of low participation. The proposal did not achieve even 50% landowner participation.
 - j. Lani presented the CDFA Healthy Soils Program and SWEEP Grant is open. Lani has attended webinars and is working with Honey Lake Valley RCD to put together a Block Grant application using Point Blue and the Technical Service Provider. The application is due May 15.
3. Modoc Fire Safe Council - Michelle Radtke
 - a. Michelle reported that MFSC submitted the concept proposal for the CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant for the Lake City Fuel Reduction and Watershed Restoration Project on March 27, 2026, and is preparing for the full application opening April 27 with a June 8, 2026 deadline. MFSC is also planning the Wildfire Community Preparedness Day cleanup in Fort Bidwell on May 2, 2026, coordinated with the Fort Bidwell Fire Department, the Tribe, CAL FIRE, USFS, and BLM. MFSC also attended Earth Day on April 18, 2026. Additional updates were provided on the Modoc Recreational Estates Wildfire Infrastructure Resilience Project following coordination with Cal OES.
 4. NRCS - Bryon Hadwick
 - a. Absent
 5. Farm Advisor Office – Simarjeet Singh
 - a. Absent



- 6. BLM – Kevin Kunkle
 - a. Absent

Agenda

- 2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Director Diven made a motion to approve the agenda; Secretary Flournoy seconded. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 17, 2026
 - i. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Secretary Flournoy; seconded by Vice Chair Dancer. Motion carried. Director Diven abstained as he was not present. Motion carried.
 - b. March 24, 2026
 - i. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Secretary Flournoy; seconded by Chairman Forrest. Motion carried. Director Diven and Vice Chair Dancer abstained as they were not present. Motion carried.
- 4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. A motion to approve the March 2026 Financial Report as presented for audit was made by Vice Chair Dancer; seconded by Director Diven. Motion carried.
- 5. Public Comment
 - a. None.
- 6. Correspondence
 - a. Lani reminded the Board of the Modoc County Ag Pass Training on April 22, 2026.
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Ethics Training and Form 700 Compliance
 - i. Reminder to the Directors that the ethics training and Form 700 are due.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Budget 1st Read
 - i. Lani presented the first read of the budget. The next read will be presented at the May meeting.
 - b. Office Phone
 - i. Lani provided information on a potential office phone through Verizon at approximately \$25 per month, based on information from Modoc Fire Safe Council, which uses Verizon. The Board offered guidance; no motion was made.
 - c. Modoc County Noxious Weed Management Area MOU
 - i. A motion to approve the Modoc County Noxious Weed Management Area MOU was made by Director Diven; seconded by Vice Chair Dancer. Motion carried.
 - d. Adoption of the 2025 Modoc County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Resolution No. 2-2026
 - i. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2-2026 approving the 2025 Modoc County Hazard Mitigation Plan was made by Director Diven; seconded by Vice Chair Dancer. Motion carried.
- 9. Director's Report
 - a. Director's Hours

Name	Hours
Erika Forrest	4



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Jess Dancer	4
Pearce Flournoy	4
Jason Diven	4

Items for the Next Meeting

10. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

Closed Session: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Prepared by,
Michelle Radtke