

Modoc Resource Conservation District Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: MRCD Conference Room, 114 E. North St., Alturas, CA 96101

Date: January 20, 2026

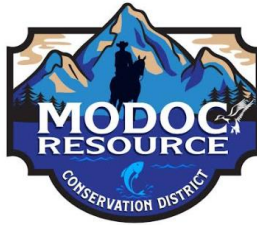
Time: 6:00pm

Attendance

1. Directors Present
 - a. Erika Forrest, Jess Dancer, Pearce Flournoy, Stacey Hafen (remote), Tiffany Martinez (remote)
2. Directors Absent
 - a. Shaelene Tims, Jason Diven
3. Remote Participation
 - a. Director Stacey Hafen announced to the Board her just cause for remote participation pursuant to Government Code §54953(f)(3)(C)(vi) (SB 707). Director Tiffany Martinez announced to the Board her just cause for remote participation pursuant to Government Code §54953(f)(3)(C)(ii) (SB 707). Jess Dancer made a motion to approve remote participation for both directors, seconded by Pearce Flournoy. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board voted to approve remote participation for both directors.
4. Staff Present
 - a. Lani Cockrell, and Mike Colbert
5. Guests Present
 - a. Bryon Hadwick, NRCS, Laura Snell (UCCE), Kevin Kunkle, BLM

Agenda

6. Erika Forrest, President called the meeting to order at 6:12pm
 - a. A quorum was met.
7. Public Comment
 - a. Kevin Kunkle from BLM introduced himself.
8. Reports
 - a. Executive Director
 - i. Lani reported on SB 707 which revamped the Brown Act and will require approval for just cause if Board members are attending the meeting remotely. Staff will research the requirements for minutes. Tiffany suggested that the Board vote to approve Stacy Hafen and Tiffany Martinez



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attendance remotely. It was approved unanimously for Stacey and Tiffany to participate remotely for just cause according to SB 707. Lani reported that we are interviewing for the Wildlife Connectivity position and hope to have the position filled by the end of the month. There are some new opportunities with the BLM Good Neighbor Authority that Mr. Kunkle will share later. The North State Biomass Authority is continuing work without MRCD.

b. Staff Reports

- i. Mike Colbert provided a summary of the written report, the Gatling Road Fuels Reduction Project under SNC Grant 954 is complete but remains on our project list because there are still several piles and rounds that need to be dealt with. The public is taking them and we will search for funding sources to continue clean up. Several projects remain in progress: SNC Grant 959 has finished. The final report is due Jan. 31; SNC Grant 1124 Mike has completed site assessments for the Dry Creek Watershed Plan and is working on a contract with California Deer association to complete planning on 4 sites.; and the Cal Fire North Overland Roadside Project is almost complete. Cal Fire is burning slash piles, Mike is doing inspections. The USFS RAC Grant and Fibershed HSP Grant continue with modest activity and monitoring. Grant applications are finished for now and waiting to hear if we were approved for the SNC Wildfire & Forest Resilience RFFCP grant. The Modoc County Stream Gauge Program is underway, with MRCD managing installation of three sites. MRCD also assumed responsibility for maintaining and reading agricultural well meters in Big Valley, all meters were read in December. Staff is working on repair or replacement of the four meters.

c. Project List

- i. Tabled until February meeting.

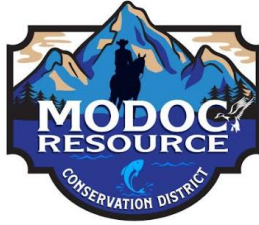
d. NRCS

- i. Bryon Hadwick reported that the government has reopened, and they now have one deadline in April for all applications. Staff is working hard to get everything done within the new rules. Hiring is severely limited and they are only allowed one new hire for every four vacant positions.

e. Modoc Fire Safe Council

- i. Stacey Hafen reported that the defensible space program will continue, weather permitting, until the grant closes in March 2026. There is a fully funded opportunity to attend forestry monitoring workshops in Chester on March 11. The county coordinator position is still funded.

f. UCCE



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- i. Laura Snell reported on upcoming events: The Ag Expo will be held on March 20th, May 18 is the Ag in the Classroom event; they have started organizing an overnight ranch camp for 4-H Members to be held at Blue Lake.
- g. BLM
 - i. Kevin Kunkle, Field Manager, Applegate Field Office, reported that the BLM has funding to renew 9 permits this year. They will be doing a wild horse gather at Carter Reservoir. He is looking forward to entering a GNA agreement with MRCD and will be attending our meetings.

9. Minutes

- a. A motion to approve the minutes of the November 13th, 2025, meeting was made by Tiffany Martinez and seconded by Stacey Hafen. The minutes were unanimously approved.

10. Treasurer's Report

- a. A motion to approve the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2025, as presented for audit, was made by Jess Dancer and seconded by Pearce Flournoy. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Budget Update was presented and discussed. No action was taken.

11. Correspondence

- a. None

12. Old Business

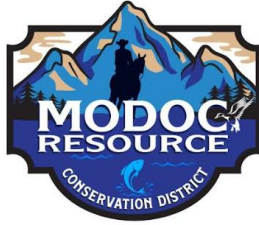
- a. Northeast CA Forest Biomass Authority decided to go ahead without the Modoc RCD membership. We will not be participating although they will keep us in the loop.
- b. Support Letter for BLM in favor of the VYA PMU Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Restoration Project (Juniper Thinning and Pile Burning: 49 Mountain, Horse Creek, Nevada Coleman, East #2, Powerline, South Larkspur, and Boggs Units) was not written. Board directed Lani to write the letter as approved at the previous meeting.

13. New Business

- a. Pearce moved to approve the BLM Good Neighbor Authority Resolution# 1-2026. Tiffany seconded and motion carried.

14. Directors Reports – Erika Forest reported on the Goose Lake Fishes working Group (GLFWG) which was held in Davis Creek on January 13, 2026.

15. Directors' Hours



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- a. Jess Dancer: 4
- b. Pearce Flournoy: 4
- c. Erika Forrest: 6
- d. Stacey Hafen: 8
- e. Shaelene Tims: 0
- f. Tiffany Martinez: 4
- g. Jason Diven: 0
- h. Lorissa Soriano (Assoc.): 0
- i. Chico Pedotti (Assoc.): 0

Items for the next meeting

- 16. Next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2026. At 6:00 pm
- 17. Priority Project planning.

Moved into closed session at 8:10 p.m.

Closed Session: Board discussion Executive Director employee evaluation. Direction given to Executive Director.

8:24pm Back in session

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Cockrell, District Manager