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Siskiyou County, California

MINUTES

Summarized **MINUTES** from the Board of Directors' Regular monthly meeting of the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, in Yreka, California, on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

This meeting was conducted as a live in-person meeting with remote access for those who wished to attend via Zoom. The location for the meeting was the Siskiyou Economic Development Council conference room, 1512 S. Oregon Street; Yreka, CA.

Directors Present: Mike Luiz, Ryan Walker, Bill Hirt

Directors Absent: Jay Perkins

Associate Directors: None

Staff Present: Rod Dowse, Anna Froelich, Patty Grantham, Ethan Brown, Alisa Scholberg, contract bookkeeper, Renee Main, Michael McGill

Guests:, Jim Patterson, NRCS District Conservationist

Call to Order

After a quorum was established, the meeting was called to order at 7:11pm by Chairman Walker.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Table the compensation philosophy till January 2025. The agenda was approved by common consent.

Introductions None needed.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None

Approval of Minutes

Walker presented the Minutes for approval. **ACTION:** Approve Minutes for November 2024. **MOTION: Hirt**
SECOND: Luiz. **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None **Motion**
Approved

Financial Report:

Scholberg presented the Financial Report for discussion and approval. The bank balance is **\$998,681.37**. The total Assets are \$2,365,214.92 which includes Accounts Receivable of \$1,235,093.73 (there is over \$400,000 in deferred revenue or advances). The total liabilities are \$1,442,951.83 which includes Accounts Payable of \$1,421,194.31.

ACTION: Approve Financial Report for November 2024. **MOTION:** Luiz **SECOND:** Hirt **Approved by Voice**
Vote: AYES: Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None **Motion Carried.**

Ratify Payroll

Scholberg reviewed the payroll with the Board for November 2024 in the amount of **\$39,549.92**. **ACTION:** Approve Payroll. **MOTION:** Luiz **SECOND:** Hirt **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

Approval of Bills

Scholberg presented the November bills for review and approval. Warrants for \$305,059.22, were submitted for approval. **ACTION:** Approve Bills for Payment. **MOTION:** Hirt **SECOND:** Luiz **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

Overhead:	\$10,388.19
US Bank	1,164.24
Banner Bk Credit Card	336.13
Alisa Scholberg Bkpg	2,737.50
Cal Ore Comm	109.00
Streamline	65.00
Mountaineer IT	1238.00
Principal	475.58
Blue Shield	4,202.74
Anna Parry	30.00
Tenaya Bearmar	30.00

Grant Invoices:	\$294,671.03
Tenaya Bearmar	68.34
Andrea Claassen	303.75
State Water Resources	563.00
Cascade Stream Sol	10,640.00
Clere, Inc.	4,675.00
Spatial Informatics	11,313.50
Darrah Co	80,000.00
Jefferson Resource	2,618.96
Jefferson Resource	16,644.82
Jefferson Resource	121,834.60
Jefferson Resource	17,689.19
Jefferson Resource	4,661.00
Jefferson Resource	1,992.42
Quercus Consultants	2,845.45
Kory Hayden	500.00
Spatial Informatics	4,321.00
UC Regents	14,000.00

Budget Transfers: None
Approval of Donations Received: None
Correspondence: None

Business – Discussion and Possible Action

12.1 - Discussion and possible action: Resolution 24-08, Approving application for the California State Disabilities Insurance program. Dowse presented the application details discussed and agreed to at the November board meeting and consistently with the November Staff meeting unanimous vote in support of the

program. **ACTION:** Approve Resolution. **MOTION:** Hirt **SECOND:** Luiz **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

12.2 - Discussion and possible action: Resolution 24-09 Approving hosting and managing the grant for the Cal Fire Climate Investment funding the wildfire prevention program. Dowse presented the grant was initially awarded to FWS for the purpose of Mountain Fire Reforestation. FWS is a Forest Management company and current Cal Fire Regulations need a landowner, non-profit or Govt. organization to hold the grant. SVRCD will serve as grant host with FWS serving as primary contractor. Grant total is \$5.8 Million. **ACTION:** Approve Resolution **MOTION:** Luiz **SECOND:** Hirt **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

12.3 - Discussion and possible action: Resolution 24-10, Approving hosting and managing the grant for the Cal Fire Climate Investment funding the wildfire prevention program. Dowse presented the grant was initially awarded to FWS for the purpose of McKinney Fire Reforestation. FWS is a Forest Management company and current Cal Fire Regulations need a landowner, non-profit or Govt. organization to hold the grant. SVRCD will serve as grant host with FWS serving as primary contractor. Grant is \$6.3 Million. **ACTION:** Approve Resolution. **MOTION:** Luiz **SECOND:** Hirt **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

12.4 - Discussion and possible action: Resolution 24-11 SVRCD Forest Health application through Cal Fire. McGill presented the application will treat USFS land in the South Fork Sacramento project area. This is an extension of our West Mount Shasta project area. **ACTION:** Approve Resolution **MOTION:** Hirt **SECOND:** Luiz **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

12.5 - Discussion and possible action: West Mt Shasta Defensible Space Contract awards. Present and approve the award for the second group of homes, tasks 4 & 6. Froelich presented the two bids for these tasks that were submitted. We are proposing to award the contract to Landscape Upkeep Company/ Jefferson State Services as the low bidder. Total award approximately \$46,500 of the \$3.5 Million dollar grant. **ACTION:** Award to Landscape Upkeep Company/Jefferson State Services **MOTION:** Luiz **SECOND:** Hirt **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

12.6 - Discussion and possible action: Spencer Fuels Treatment round 2 Contract awards. Work is being completed through our Cal Fire Tech Assist – Kilgore Hills grant. McGill presented selected contractor will treat 150 acres of brush and juniper, to be piled for a future Cal Fire prescribed burn. This is the second treatment on the Spencer properties, the first we completed in spring 2024. Treatment area is on East Callahan Rd. Work will be completed utilizing the cross boundary MOU with Siskiyou RCD. **ACTION:** Award Buck Mason Contracting **MOTION:** Luiz **SECOND:** Hirt **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

12.7 - Discussion and possible action: Scott River Ranch Fuels Treatment round 2 Contract awards. Work is being completed through our Cal Fire Tech Assist – Kilgore Hills grant. McGill presented selected contractor will

treat 175 acres of brush, to be piled for a future Cal Fire prescribed burn. Treatment area is located on McConaughy Gulch Rd. Work will be completed utilizing the cross boundary MOU with Siskiyou RCD. **ACTION:** Award Premier Clearing and Wyatt Services **MOTION:** Luiz **SECOND:** Hirt **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

12.8 - Discussion and possible action: West Mt. Shasta Mastication Treatment Contract awards. McGill presented the current West Mt Shasta Grant through Cal Fire is a \$3 million dollar grant that sunsets March 31, 2025. Treatment area is near 1635 Deetz Road. **ACTION:** Award Warner Enterprises **MOTION:** Luiz **SECOND:** Hirt **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

12.9- Discussion and possible action: Mountain Fire Post Fire Disaster Recovery Project contract awards. McGill presented the current contract award for treatment of 221 acres **ACTION:** Award Premier Clearing **MOTION:** Luiz **SECOND:** Hirt **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Walker, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

Staff and Project Reports

McGill presented update on outreach with Dunsmuir Home Hardening grant.

Froelich presented update on West Mt. Shasta Defensible Space grant. Invoices have been submitted on the first group. Exemption paperwork signed and tri-party agreement packets are being reviewed.

Grantham presented that there is a hold on prescribed burning due to weather. Piles are being completed until better weather conditions. Doing support work for the Burn Boss course in January. Discussions on possible burning in Greenhorn park area.

Brown presented an update on the bird box project on the SLT. Working on the CEQA process and letters have been sent out. Working with LWA and Enlow for more shallow watering wells to help with surface water connectivity piece. CalTrout has funds for monitoring costs in Upper Shasta River. Ryan Fogerty stated that Monarch Butterflies and Pond turtles will be listed on the endangered list.

Dowse presented that he and the Grizzly Corps Fellows attended the CARCD Annual conference and will also meet with legislators about base funding for Special Districts. Spoke with NOAA about EIS pre-scoping meeting for Safe Harbor monitoring.

Other Agency/Group Reports:

Patterson gave an NRCS report. Will be attending RCD conference. Farm Bill extension is on the Federal Budget for December for funding. Office space discussion about Rural Development space and furniture.

Closed Session:

12.9 – Employee Compensation Philosophy discussion and action. Presenting an updated general framework for the compensation Philosophy for SVRCD as presented in December 2024. Discussion tabled till January 2025 meeting.



Meeting Adjourned –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm by Chairman Walker.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2025.

Future Agenda Items:

Minutes submitted by Renee Main on December 23, 2024.

Minutes approved as typed as corrected.	
 _____ Vice Chairman	<u>15-Jan-2025</u> _____ Date
 _____ District Administrator	<u>1/15/25</u> _____ Date