



# SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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, May 17th, 2023.

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: Ryan Walker, Jay Perkins, Mike Luiz. Bill Hirt, Zack Salvestro

Directors Absent:

Associate Directors: None

Staff Present: Ayn Perry, Rod Dowse, Lyndsey Lascheck, Dan Blessing

Guests: Alisa Scholberg (contract bookkeeper); Jim Patterson, NRCS, Elias Scott, Sr. Environmental Scientist Watershed Stewardship Specialist, Scott and Shasta Rivers, NCRWQCB, Janae Scruggs, Sr. Environmental Scientist (Specialist). CDFW

### Call to Order

After a quorum was established, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chair Walker.

### Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by common consent.

Introductions None needed.

Public Comment: None.

Presentation: Elias Scott, NCRWQCB

Eli gave a synopsis of two topics of interest to the Board of Directors and the public. They were the Drought Emergency Declaration and curtailment and the Shasta River TMDL update status.

Drought: Eli discussed his findings based on the water quality monitoring he does in the Scott and Shasta basins. He presented slides from his talk at KBMP. He is interested in the hydrologic history and the response to drought that water quality can demonstrate. He discussed key data at the Big Springs Lake while the BSID was shut off. Related topics included 50 cfs vs 30 cfs flow targets for the TMDL and that the best area for salmon spawning is found above County Road A-12. He stated that "flow is an important component of both the Scott and Shasta TMDLs."

TMDL: Regarding the Shasta River TMDL, he reported that the waiver is extended for 2.5 years. This is based on several factors including the curtailment and WB staffing. Eli will be hosting some local working collaborations to identify future TMDL targets and new processes. The WB is still deciding on whether to shift from the waiver to their NPDES permits that may have fees attached. Or there may be a combination of both tools going forward. He is still very interested in riparian planting and tailwater reductions projects to improve water quality.

**Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION:** Approve Minutes for April 19th, 2023. **MOTION:** Luiz, **SECOND:** Perkins. **Approved by Voice Vote:** **AYES:** Walker, Perkins, Luiz, Hirt, Salvestro. **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None **Motion Approved**

**Financial Report**

Scholberg presented the SVRCD Financial Report for review and action. She reported that as May 10, 2023, The SVRCD has Accounts Receivable of \$224,280.41. Assets of \$646,263.18, Liabilities \$76,552.48, Ordinary Income of \$176,792.10, Interfund Cash of \$305,417.75. **ACTION:** Approve Financial Report. **MOTION:** Perkins, **SECOND** Luiz; **Approved by Voice Vote:** **AYES:** Walker, Perkins, Luiz, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

**Ratify Payroll**

Scholberg reviewed the payroll for April 2023 in the amount of \$22,037.13. **ACTION:** Approve Payroll. **MOTION:** Perkins, **SECOND:** Luiz, **Approved by Voice Vote:** **AYES:** Walker, Perkins, Luiz, Salvestro, Hirt, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

**Approval of Bills**

Scholberg presented the April bills for review and approval. Warrants for \$64,629.71, submitted for approval. **ACTION:** Approve Bills for Payment. **MOTION:** Luiz, **SECOND:** Perkins, **Approved by Voice Vote:** **AYES:** Walker, Perkins, Luiz, Hirt, Salvestro, **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

<b>Overhead:</b>	<b>\$5,922.74</b>
US Bank	\$531.52
US Bank	\$117.97
US Bank	\$824.99
Alisa Scholberg Bkkpg	\$1,687.50
Cal Ore Comm	\$104.00
Streamline	\$10.00
Sean Evangelista	\$30.00
Principal	\$323.90
Blue Shield of CA	\$2,292.86

<b>Grant Invoices:</b>	<b>\$58,706.97</b>
Quercus Consultants	\$3,220.00
Oregon State Univ	\$28,168.47
Quartz Valley Indian	\$1,272.50
Scott River Watershed	\$2,461.00
Siskiyou Cty Farm Bureau	\$75.00
Sisk Cty Clerk-CEQA	\$50.00
ABC Logging	\$23,460.00

**Budget Transfers:** None

**Approval of Donations Received:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Business – Discussion and Possible Action**

**05.1** - Motion to adjust the bank signer card to include current board members possible action. **ACTION:** Add Mike Luiz and Jay Perkins to the bank account and remove Mike Duchi from the bank account signers. **MOTION:** Salvestro, **SECOND:** Hirt, **Approved by Voice Vote:** **AYES:** Luiz, Walker, Perkins, Salvestro, Hirt; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

**05.1a** - Motion to allow District Manager Rod Dowse to purchase CD's for the SVRCD. **ACTION:** Dowse to purchase one \$50k CD now and then others over time to increase fund earnings. **MOTION:** Salvestro, **SECOND:** Hirt, **Approved by Voice Vote:** **AYES:** Luiz, Walker, Perkins, Salvestro, Hirt; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

**05.2 - Purchase approval for PBA trailer and ATV Possible action. Tabled**

**05.3 - Consider Budget Adjustments to 22-23 year possible action. Tabled**

**05.4 - Review Contract and Uses report. Tabled**

**05.5 - Draft 23-24 budget Review and discuss approval for June Meeting. Tabled**

**Staff and Project Reports**

Lascheck and Blessing reported on forestry projects. Lascheck has resigned effective early June. Forestry department is actively seeking new forestry staff for the PBA and for project management. The mapping project is going well with McGill in charge. Funds keep on coming, this time from OES. Blessing is working with some part time contractors to keep all the grants in motion, with the loss of two forestry staff members.

Perry gave some brief project updates and progress on grant opportunities.

Walker shared information on Farm Bureau tours that he participated in and contacts and conversations of interest to the Board.

**Other Agency/Group Reports:**

Scruggs gave a brief update for CDFW. Michael Harris was selected in April to supervise the Siskiyou County CDFW staff and programs, to replace Joe Croteau who retired. He will be in Siskiyou County two days per week. He will work out of the Redding office. Crystal Robinson was hired to supervise some special projects and programs such as the RST and the Klamath Dam Removal.

Patterson gave a brief NRCS update. NRCS has selected a Forester and also a summer engineering intern. The intern will be working with Lorrie Bundy.

**Closed Session:** None

**Meeting Adjourned –**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm by Chairman Walker.

Next Meeting: June 21st, 2023.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Long Range Plan/Board Fall Retreat

Invite Chrystal Robinson CDFW to a meeting

Minutes submitted by Ayn Perry on 5/23/2023

Minutes approved as typed as corrected.

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Chairman

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Date

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District Administrator