



Ventura County Resource Conservation District

Mark Mooring, President
Mike Mobley, Vice President/Treasurer
Merrill Berge, Secretary
Kevin Cannon, Director
Tom Crocker, Director
Bill Morris, Director
Sean Anderson, Director

MINUTES Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Wednesday, February 17, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The **February 17, 2021 Regular** meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Resource Conservation District (RCD) was called to order by President **Mooring** at 8:35 a.m., via remote access, with a quorum of Directors present.

2. **ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**

Mike Mobley was present
Bill Morris was present
Kevin Cannon was tardy – arrived at 8:43 a.m.
Tom Crocker was present
Mark Mooring was present
Merrill Berge was present
Sean Anderson was tardy – arrived at 8:50 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Debra Gillis, Executive Director
Jamie Whiteford, District Scientist
Andy Spyrka, Resource Conservation Specialist

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** President **Mooring** presented the agenda for board approval.

On motion by Director **Berge**, Seconded by Director **Crocker**, the Board adopted the **February 17, 2021** Agenda. Motion carried 5-0 Absent: Cannon and Anderson.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

5. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

5.1. Report by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). – Dawn Afman reported on NRCS activities and announced that their National Air Quality Program replaced approximately 22 tractors. Dawn introduced Diana Orozco, NRCS Soil Conservationist, who provided the Board information on her background.

5.2 Report and discussion with RCD staff about RCD projects and upcoming opportunities – Jamie Whiteford reported on the status of many of the District's programs and projects. Andy Spyrka reported on the fire programs and the monarch programs.

5.3 Report by Executive Director – Debra Gillis reported on an unfilled vacancy on the VCRC board, and a new NRCS National Water Quality Initiative grant for the Ventura River that the VCRC received. She also reported

that staff is working on a new website design and a social media marketing plan. She also advised that she is seeking bids for liability and property insurance for 2021-2022.

5.4 Report by Directors – Director Berge reported that she had attended the monarch roundtable with the County of Ventura and complimented Andy and Jamie on their presentation to the group. Director Mobley talked about monarch habitat on farmland by using eucalyptus as windrows.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6.1 January 20, 2021 Minutes of the Regular Meeting.

On Motion by Director **Morris** and Seconded by Director **Anderson**, the Board approved the January 20, 2021 Minutes of the Regular Meeting with corrections. Motion carried 6-1. Abstain: Cannon

6.2 Financial Reports for January 2021.

On Motion by Director **Crocker** and Seconded by Director **Morris**, the Board approved the financial reports for January 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

7. **ACTION CALENDAR**

7.1 Discussion and possible action on accepting revisions to the 2020-2021 VCRCO Annual Operating Budget.

On Motion by Director **Berge** and Seconded by Director **Crocker**, the Board accepted the revisions to the 2020-2021 Annual Operating Budget. Motion carried 7-0.

7.2 Discussion and possible action on adopting a Pandemic/Infectious Disease Prevention Policy.

On Motion by Director **Anderson** and Seconded by Director **Mobley**, the Board adopted a Pandemic/Infectious Disease Prevention Policy. Motion carried 7-0.

7.3 Discussion and possible action on adopting an equipment rental agreement for rental of VCRCO equipment to other entities.

After discussion, this item was tabled to the next meeting to allow staff to do research.

8. **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

8.1 General Board discussion on items of interest – none.

9. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS BY DIRECTORS** – closed session for performance review of the Executive Director.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** - President **Mooring** adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Gillis, Executive Director

MINUTES APPROVED: March 17, 2021

President:


Mark Mooring

Attest:


Clerk of the Board, Debra Gillis