**Inyo-Mono RCD Meeting Minutes**

**August 23rd**

Board members in attendance: Graham Meese, Jarret Phillips, Chance Rossi, Kay Ogden

Others in attendance: Kristen Pfeiler, Katie Doonan, Dustin Blakey, Rick Kattelmann, Wendy Grassechi

Attended virtually: Jen Roeser, Eric Spencer (CSDA), Ryan Reger (CARCD)

Meeting called into order by Jarret at 6:04pm

Public Comment:

September 9th: 6-9pm Benton music festival, White Mountain Fire

Introductions: New faces in the meeting

Katie Doonan - Ranching in Hamil Valley - UCANR?

Dustin Blakey – UC extention farm advisor

Wendy Grassechi-Wildfire Coordinator for Mono county.

Eric Spencer-CA Special District Association

Ryan Reger-Forest Coordinator for CARCD

Ryan CARCD- resources for RCD

RFFCP capacity building program

CARCD is supporting and championing regional rcd,

Connecting to partners and other RCDs

Apply for grants on behalf of RCDs

Capacity building program- workshops, consulting and coaching, knowledge and resource sharing for within the Sierra Nevada conservancy region

Workshops are monthly

Kristen is on the list-email Ryan to be added to the list

Consulting and coaching

* Legal: BB&K
* Fiscal: Eide bailly
* Organizational/strategic: solid ground reach
  + Strategic planning with Strategic Ground, -help with developing strategic plan

 Facilitate peer learning forums for RCDs sharing knowledge and expertise

Eric Spenser CSDA

Name your price – typically $50 for RCD our size

Advocacy - legislative team for special district

Education - webinars, workshops, conferences, open forums

80 webinars on demand, 25

Use for sexual harassment and other required trainings

Open forum community - collaboration page for asking questions

Board member handbook

Policy handbook template

Partner with 150 other businesses to help

Streamline website 30% discount

1100 special district member

Sierra coordinator

Jarret entertained motion to contract with CSDA for $50 annual fee, 2nd Chance Rossi, 3rd Graham Meese, motion approved

Approve 2023/2024 Budget

Jarret entertains resolution for RCD to approve a $4k operating budget for general expenses 1st Kay Ogen 2nd Chance Rossi, motion passes

Can now pay website fee, online appointment September 6th at 1:15pm for website creation

Discussion of long-term options for Inyo-Mono RCD to oversee/administer/direct an “umbrella” organization or alliance of Fire Safe Councils and other entities involved in wildfire resilience within the RCD service area

Could IMRCD be the umbrella organization to take over from Integrated regional water IRWA

IRWA took it on in the absence of an RCD with Whitebark staff doing most of the work

* Eastern Sierra fire safe alliance-Inyo and mono working together, have staff to go after grants,
* Having individual fire safe councils manage grants is hard
* Need grant administration burden
* San Diego RCD has Fire safe council as a program with over 40 areas!
* Firewise community vs fire safe council
* RCD would be host organization for firewise community
* Collective approach to putt together counties and fire safe councils (one umbrella)

Review and adjust long range plan, review google docs changes

Tabled until the next meeting

Approve 5/9 meeting minutes, approve 7/11 meeting minutes

* Graham Meese motioned to approve 5/9 meeting minutes 2nd Jarret 3rd Chance Rossi, motion carried
* Jarret Phillips motioned to approve 7/11 meeting minutes 2nd by Kay Ogden 3rd Graham Meese, motion carried

Alternate member discussion

* Alternate members not allowed.
* Can have advisory committee.
* Add create advisory committee to next agenda/meeting.

Tree Sale discussion

* Tree list from master gardeners
* Back when there was an Eastern Sierra firesafe council they produced a fire resistant guide, find this and rework it possibly
* Yana works with uc extension as a forestry advisor.
* Maybe we can help create a regionally appropriate fire-resistant tree guide
* Need nursery license to sell trees (Dustin has one)

Public Comment

* RCD received thank you note from scholarship recipient
* Need Civil Rights Training
* National Association of Conservation Districts mail received
* High desert regional meeting on agenda for Oct 27th

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm