FULL COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER 9:30 a.m.
Meeting called to order by President Tom Wheeler.

Pledge of Allegiance
Recite Mission Statement

Roll Call & Introductions – Tom Wheeler led roll call and introductions were made by all present.

Approval of Agenda – Tom Burdette made the motion to approve the agenda and Nathan Magsig (2nd), agenda approved.
Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes were not available for approval. Robert Hopkins would follow up with the meeting minutes and ensure the minutes from the July full council meeting would be available at the next quarterly meeting.

Executive Committee Report – Justine Reynolds gave the executive committee report. Motion to approve the executive committee report by Tom Burdette and Nathan Magsig (2nd), report approved.

Treasurer’s Report – David Konno provided the Treasurers report. David Konno and Jack McGowan met with Miller and White (the accounting firm that YSRCDC is now using) and they recommended a new treasurers report format. David Konno presented the new treasurers report format. During the presentation of the report there was a question about the log deck from Nathan Magsig regarding the balance owed to VRM and about using the revolving credit line interest and whether there were any fees associated. There is $35,000 available in credit. Tom Burdette (Motion) and Rosemarie Smallcombe (2nd) Treasurer’s Report approved.

NRCS Update – Sharon Nance gave an update. NRCS have identified six resource priorities over the next five years: Water quality, water quantity, air quality, soil, and plant condition. Agreements with NRCS will now go through a competitive process. $86 million was spent on EQIP last year across the state. That included 1,500 contracts and covered over a half million acres. There is a new program to use drones with thermal imaging to help in the efforts to rescue and relocate deer. There have been people designated in the four administrative areas that are being trained on prescribed burning and working to incorporate prescribed burning into conservation plans. NRCS will not be taking any new applications for this year until February or March.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

SPECIAL BUSINESS 10:00 a.m.

Election of Executive Committee Members – Tom Wheeler was nominated President by Tom Burdette (Motion), Rosemarie Smallcombe (2nd) and was elected President by a vote of the Council. Tom Burdette was nominated Vice President by Tom Wheeler (Motion), Rosemarie Smallcombe (2nd) and was elected as Vice President by a vote of the Council. Nathan Magsig was nominated 2nd Vice President by Tom Wheeler (Motion), Tom Burdette (2nd) and was elected 2nd Vice President by a vote of the Council. Jack McGowan was nominated Treasurer by Tom Wheeler (Motion), Rosemarie Smallcombe (2nd) and was elected Treasurer by a vote of the Council. Lynn Gorman was nominated Secretary by Kuyler Crocker (Motion), Tom Wheeler (2nd) and was elected Secretary by a vote of the Council.

Sponsor Organizations – Increase to 26 – Bylaws Revision – The Bylaws were revised by a Council vote increasing the maximum number of allowed sponsor organizations from 21 to 26.

OLD BUSINESS 10:30 a.m.

Year in Review – Robert gave a power point presentation (a PDF file of the presentation is available on our website ysrcandd.org) which covered portions of the Programs and Projects Detailed Report and provided an overview of the last year’s accomplishments.
**Program Development 2019-2020** – Justine gave a power point presentation (a PDF file of the presentation is available on our website ysrcandd.org) which covered:
- Strategic Action Plan Assessment
- Master Stewardship Agreement and Sponsor Organization Relationship
- Sierra Corps member and Regional Forests and Fire Capacity Program

**NEW BUSINESS** 11:30 a.m.

**Tulare/Fresno Project Workshop** – A workshop is to be held in January with Fresno County partners but the time and place is still to be determined. There has not been a meeting scheduled for Tulare County partners. It was decided during a coordination conference call to hold off on a workshop until relationships can be reestablished between YSRCDC and partners through outreach and participation at meetings in Tulare County.

**Firewise Southern Sierra Regional Proposal** – An overview was given by Justine Reynolds on the Southern Sierra Firewise Coordination Project proposal. An authorizing resolution is needed for a CalFire Fire Prevention grant and a vote would be needed. Nathan Magsig made a motion (Motion) and Kuyler Crocker (2nd) to vote on the authorizing resolution. The full council voted and there were 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent and 0 Abstention, passing the authorizing resolution.

**Madera IRWM Prop 1 Implementation** – Jeannie Habben gave the background on the proposed DWR project. If selected, YSRCDC would get 10% of the approximately $1.6 million Prop 1 grant for administration. There are other competing organizations submitting proposals to be considered for the grant administrator position. Nathan Magsig made a motion (Motion), Tom Burdette (2nd) to empower Justine Reynolds to make the call as to whether a proposal should be submitted to complete the grant application for a Prop 1 grant in competition with the other organizations. The motion passed.

**Presentation: American Forests** 11:45 a.m.

Brittany Dyer gave a power point presentation about American Forests.

**SPONSOR/PARTNER UPDATES** 12:15 a.m.

**Rosemarie Smallcombe, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors**
- Rosemarie mentioned that the UCCE has received a couple grants encouraging prescribed fire through planning and education. Mariposa IRWM money is going toward water tanks for fire suppression and cost about $100,000. Mariposa County RCD received $100,000 to do an extensive educational video series for landowners covering potential funding, property maintenance and replanting. Mariposa County and the Upper Merced River Watershed Council have partnered to restore the Merced River Trail. Rosemarie participated in the Oregon Mass Timber tour to promote the mass timber industry. The Mariposa Bio mass project is in Bio Mat que and the PPA should be happening soon with PG&E.

**Steve Haze, Sierra RCD**
Steve had to leave early but Justine gave a quick update. Sierra RCD is moving forward with SSARR project, it’s finalizing the collections agreement and starting in the SRA.

Nathan Magsig, Fresno County Supervisor

- Nathan mentioned a movement by cities around the state and investors to buyout PG&E assets and that Fresno County has critical infrastructure that are of interest. Fresno County has not committed to anything.

Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County Board of Supervisors

- Tulare County is looking into options as to whether they should pursue a Master Stewardship Agreement (MSA) with Sequoia National Forest or join Great Basin’s MSA.

Brittany Dyer, Yosemite Gateway Partners (YGP) Update

- YGP hosted a sustainability conference recently and the focus is on transportation. If interested in participating with the YGP let Brittany know.

Brittany Dyer, Governors Force Management Task Force Update

- Brittany chairs a tree mortality working group and it’s evolving into a forest health working group. Forest Management Task Force meetings will be held bi-monthly instead of monthly.

Tom Burdette, Coarsegold Resource Conservation District

- Coarsegold RCD and Merced RCD, in partnership, has hired a half time staff member.

Tom Burdette, North Fork Community Development Council

- NFCDC is still waiting on a resolution with PG&E for the biomass plant project to move forward.

Sue Carter, Big Sandy Rancheria

- Big Sandy Rancheria has partnered with High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew, has a new workforce development center and has partnered with CHIPS.

Katie Parra, North Fork Rancheria

- The tribe is continuing its work with the elder defensible space program and about 29 homes are received assistance to clear brush and vegetation and do chimney sweeping. The EPD has two forestry youth interns doing trail work and clearing. There is a cultural language kick off event happening in November and cultural classes will be offered in 2020.

David Konno, Coarsegold Resource Conservation District

- Coarsegold RCD and North Fork Rancheria is meeting on Friday Nov 1st to finalize the Monarch Butterfly project.

Adjourn at 12:30 p.m.