



# Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The regular Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District (SCCRCD) Board of Directors was called to order at **7:10PM** on the **17<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2003**, at the Resource Conservation District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128 Capitola, California.

- Directors Present: Jim McKenna, President  
Steve Butler, Vice President  
Tom Lukens  
John Ricker  
Roberta Smith
- Directors Absent: Howard Liebenberg  
Mike Manfre
- Others Present: Tangi Chapman, Recorder  
Carey Cooper, Watershed Coordinator  
Jen Stern, Watershed Coordinator  
Kathryn Tobisch, Associate Director, SCCRCD  
Vasiliki Vassil, Associate Director, SCCRCD

### WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at **7:10 PM**, as there was then a quorum present. The Board welcomed Jen Stern (Watershed Coordinator) and Carey Cooper (Watershed Coordinator) to the meeting.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR/CALENDAR DATES

#### Communications from the floor

No Communications were given.

#### Calendar Dates

For more information, contact the person or office listed in parenthesis.

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| September | 24 | Blue Circle, De Anza Mobile Home Park, 3:00-7:00PM (RCD)  |
|           | 24 | IWRP IAC Meeting, Emeline Conference Room, 10:00AM-12:00PM (KC)   |
| October   | 2  | Stewardship for Small Acreages, SB Water District, Hollister, 6:30-9:30PM (RCD)   |
|           | 4  | Davenport Geological Society & Assoc. of Women Geoscientists, Soil Chonostratigraphy on the Marine Terraces, Davenport Cement Plant Old Hospital, 10:00AM-4:00PM (RS) |
|           | 9  | Stewardship for Small Acreages, Location TBA, 6:30-9:30PM (RCD)   |
|           | 16 | Stewardship for Small Acreages, Location TBA, 6:30-9:30PM (RCD)   |
|           | 18 | Taste of San Benito, USDA Parking Lot, Hollister, 10:00AM-4:00PM (RCD)  |
|           | 22 | Local Working Group Stewardship Meeting, UC Cooperative Extension, Watsonville, 2:00-4:30PM (RCD)   |
|           | 23 | Stewardship for Small Acreages, Location TBA, 6:30-9:30PM (RCD)   |
|           | 24 | Stewardship for Small Acreages, Field Day, Locations TBA, 9:00AM-12:00PM (RCD)  |
| November  | 12 | Local Working Group Agency Meeting, UC Cooperative Extension, Watsonville, 2:00-4:30PM (RCD)  |

### MINUTES

#### Minutes

John Ricker moved to accept the Minutes of the June 18 Board Meeting. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **BUDGET & FINANCE**

### **Expenditures**

No Expenditures were discussed.

### **Transfers**

No Transfers were discussed.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Program Updates**

#### **Reports**

IWRP -- John Ricker reported that Swanson Hydrology & Geomorphology has been contracted with to do the initial Lagoon Studies. The Soquel, San Lorenzo and Aptos Lagoons have gauges installed to record data including pH, turbidity, chlorophyll, water level, and temperature. The first Interagency Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting will be held September 24.

Soquel Process -- John Ricker reported that the Soquel Public Meeting has been postponed. Bobbie and Jen are reviewing the twelve comment letters received during the public comment period. Responses to all comments are being thoughtfully written. Jen indicated that the summary report would include all the comments that apply to the Enhancement Plan. Any personal commentary will be omitted. The final Public Meeting will be held two weeks after the responses have been mailed. Roberta Smith suggested that the RCD change the title page of the document to reflect that the California Department of Fish Game and the California Coastal Conservancy are the responsible parties for the document and that the SCCRCD was contracted with to manage the data development and compilation.

#### **NRCS**

#### **Reports**

The NRCS activity report was distributed for review (see attached).

## **RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

### **Directors Reports**

No Directors Reports were given.

### **Associate Directors Reports**

Vasiliki Vassil attended the RC&D Meeting September 17. She reported that RC&D was impressed with the Roads Cost-Share Project. She noted that RC&D has some money available for education purposes and encouraged the RCD to apply. Vasiliki will contact Sharon and Carey about possible projects that may need supplementary funding.

### **Staff Reports**

San Lorenzo Roads Cost-Share Program -- Carey Cooper gave a presentation to the Board. In March 2003, Carey began outreach to local Road Associations (RAs). After receiving and reviewing RA applications, four proposals were accepted by the TAC. The Technical Training soon followed, bringing together the RA Members and the Contractors. The State requires that all RAs be trained on photo-monitoring the sites. Photo-monitoring is done at the project site before, during and after the projects' completion. Carey reported that this has been challenging for many of the RAs not familiar with making precise technical measurements. Carey suggested that, in the future, someone other than a road association member be designated to complete the photo-monitoring. Of the four RAs, the Bear Creek Canyon Project is the closest to completion. The Bear Creek Canyon RA has an active constituency, with Tom Byrd heading the association. They have been working on a management plan for some time and they are well organized. Carey reported that this organization shows in their ability to complete the project in a timely fashion. The other three RAs are at various stages in the process. Deer Creek RA has returned a signed contract and work will begin soon. The design proposal for the Ocean View RA is currently being reviewed by the TAC. Carey reported that the Lompico RA has had trouble in getting their project off the ground. They had originally wanted to work on culverts; however, permitting issues have arisen which make this project difficult. They are currently trying to redirect their project. All projects need to be completed by October 15. The Board voiced concerns regarding the liability of these projects. The Best Management Practices outlined in the Manual and Training serves as a guide for these projects. There is no guarantee that these practices will work as intended. Therefore, there is a serious issue of who is responsible for any failures. The Board concluded that the RCD is the 'conduit' for getting the money to RAs in need. The RAs and the Contractors need to be the responsible parties for the work done. There was agreement that legal council would be required to address this issue formally. The Board expressed their gratitude to Carey for all her groundbreaking work on the Roads Project.

## **ADJOURN**

### **Adjournment**

Roberta Smith moved to adjourn the Meeting at 9:15PM. Steve Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor. The next Board Meeting will be at **7:00PM** on **October 8, 2003**, at the **Resource Conservation District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128**.

James G. McKenna  
President, Board of Directors

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