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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 **6:40PM** on **March 10, 2004**, at the Resource Conservation District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128 Capitola, California.

Directors Present:	Jim McKenna, President Steve Butler, Vice President Mike Manfre John Ricker Roberta Smith
Directors Absent:	Howard Liebenberg Tom Lukens
RCD Staff Present:	Karen Christensen, Executive Director of Programs Tangi Chapman, Recorder
NRCS Staff Present:	Craig Ficenech, Conservation Engineer
Others Present:	Daniel Becket, Corralitos Resident Lisa Rudnick, Ben Lomond Resident

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at **6:40PM** with a quorum present. The Board welcomed Lisa Rudnick to the meeting.

Agenda Review

Karen requested that the Board review the sequencing and title changes made to the minutes for comments. The Board liked the changes made to the Oral Communications. They wanted clarification as to the process to conduct a Presentation. It was decided that Presentations would be open to Staff, Directors, and the Public but would need to be scheduled at the previous Board Meeting. Roberta suggested that a format be drafted of procedures for guest speakers to follow. Jim McKenna proposed that he and Roberta work on this document. Several formatting changes were suggested and will be incorporated into the next agenda.

Oral Communications

There were no communications from the floor.

Minutes

Several corrections to the minutes were discussed and changes were made accordingly. John Ricker made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Steve Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Daniel Becket arrived around 7:00 pm

BUSINESS ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Professional and Construction Services – Karen presented the Board with a policy document for Professional and Construction Services. The document was modeled after a similar policy from the Siskiyou County RCD. The Board discussed the document at length and Karen incorporated their changes into the document. John Ricker moved to adopt the policy given the discussed changes. Steve Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor. Jim thanked Karen and Sharon for “staying ahead of the curve” by drafting this document.

Staff Meeting Minutes – The Staff Meeting Minutes were distributed for review. Steve expressed his interest in seeing the State Parks Presentation in April. The Board requested a field trip be included to one or two sites

where Portia and Dustin have been working. The Board liked the idea of conducting the Board Meeting after the Field Trip. Karen reported that the Soquel Enhancement Project Plan will be uploaded to the website in the near future. Staff is working with an intern to update and reformat the website.

Calendar Dates

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

March	13	Clean Streams Monitoring Program- Community Meeting, Ramsay Park Center, Watsonville, 11:00AM-1:00PM (CWC)
	15-16	Farm Water Quality Short Course (NRCS)
	22-23	Farm Water Quality Short Course (NRCS)
	20	Field Tours: Farm Water Quality Short Course (NRCS)
	20	Clean Streams Monitoring Program- Training Session, Aptos County Park, Aptos 10:00AM-2:30PM (CWC)
	18	Regional Water Quality Control Board District 3 Meeting (SCCFB)
	24	Clean Streams Monitoring Program- Community Meeting, Senior Center Citizens Opportunity Center, Santa Cruz, 6:30-8:30PM (CWC)
	25	SCCRCD Staff Meeting, Capitola Office, 9:00-10:30 (SCCRCD)
	27	Clean Streams Monitoring Program- Training Session, Ramsay Park Center, Watsonville, 10:00AM-3:30PM (CWC)
	April	3
10		Clean Streams Monitoring Program- Community Meeting, The Beach House, San Mateo County, 10:00AM-12:00PM (CWC)
10		Clean Streams Monitoring Program- Training Session, The Beach House, San Mateo County, 12:30-3:30PM (CWC)

NRCS Reports

The NRCS Activity Report was distributed for review (see attached). Craig reported that NRCS received 30 EQIP applications; 17 are eligible. The next step will be to rank the applications and in June decide who will be funded. Craig just completed a Water Quality Short Course in Spanish in Watsonville. He reported that the class was full and that presentations were given to an enthusiastic and receptive audience. Few had received any previous help from agencies. The next Short Course will begin March 15. Craig reported that all NRCS staff have been working on the Pond Permit Coordination. Craig has visited the proposed sites for the next Roads Cost-Share Program. He will be drafting a one-page review of each of the projects and their area of concerns for the TAC to review. Karen reported that they have been getting a lot of feedback from Road Associations requesting a workshop demonstrating road surfacing. Steve Butler mentioned he attended the Valley Women's Club Meeting on Erosion Control. Kristen Schroeder gave an excellent presentation; however, Steve noticed that she forgot to mention to drain before surfacing. She agreed and will incorporate drainage into future presentations.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Expenditures

General Expenditures – The General Expenditures for February 2004 were circulated for review. John Ricker moved to approve the General Expenditures for February 2004. Steve Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor.

David and Lucile Packard Supplemental Expenditures – The D&L Packard Supplemental Expenditures for February 2004 were circulated for review. John Ricker moved to approve the D&L Packard Supplemental Expenditures for February 2004. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Transfers

There were no Transfers.

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Directors Reports

Jim McKenna attended the International Association Erosion Control Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was impressed by work being done with erosion control soils. These soils are engineered with soil flora to create a porous but stable soil. He reported that even with a slope of 70°, there is no washing and no erosion. He was also impressed by a demonstration of compost tea; the practice may someday become standard practice. It works well and is cost effective.

Roberta Smith informed the Board that Rancho Del Oso, a division of Big Basin State Park, has many nature related activities for both children and adults. She suggested that SCCRCD get on the mailing list to receive their newsletter of events.

Steve Butler attended the CARCD Forest and Fuels meeting in Redding. The group visited sites along the Sacramento River.

John Ricker attended the Central Coast Water Quality Monitoring Meeting hosted by the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Coastal Conservancy and the Legacy Program at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. The outcome was to plan out what areas are being monitored and what areas need attention. John Ricker presented at the Lagoon IWRP Meeting with city and county project directors. The meeting was well attended by agencies and community members. John Ricker spoke at the Annual Sanctuary Currents Meeting at CSUMB. He addressed present county beach water quality including pesticide toxicity in sloughs. He reported several hundred people were in attendance.

Steve Butler reported that he, Howard and Roberta met with Lisa Rudnick and Joanne Shaw at the Old Hospital at the Davenport cement plant. They listened to Ms. Rudnick and Ms. Shaw's concerns and were able to exchange ideas and comments regarding their concerns. Steve hopes that they can keep the line of communication open and informed Lisa and Joanne that the Board is interested in reviewing materials that are pertinent to the SCCRCD mission.

Associate Directors Reports

No Associate Directors Reports were given.

ADJOURN

Adjournment

John Ricker moved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:35PM. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor. The next **Board Meeting will be at 6:30PM on April 21, 2004**, at the **Resource Conservation District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128.**

James G. McKenna
President, Board of Directors

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