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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 **6:35PM on November 9, 2005**, at the Resource Conservation District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128, Capitola, California.

Directors Present:	Howard Liebenberg Tom Lukens Jim McKenna, President John Ricker
Directors Absent:	Sheryl Bailey Mike Manfre, Vice President Roberta Smith
Associate Directors Present:	Kathryn Tobisch Vasiliki Vassil
RCD Staff Present:	Tangi Chapman, Recorder Karen Christensen, Executive Director of Programs Sharon Corkrean, Executive Director
NRCS Staff Present:	Rich Casale, District Conservationist

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at **6:35**, with a quorum present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications. Karen shared a written communication from the Soquel Creek Water District regarding the availability of the Updated Urban Water Management Plan document on their website. LAFCO sent a notification of the Proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation of Manana Woods Mutual Water Company by the San Lorenzo Valley Water District. Karen also circulated the agenda for the next CCRC&D meeting November 16 in King City.

MINUTES

John Ricker moved to approve the October 12, 2005 minutes as presented. Tom Lukens seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Northern Santa Cruz County Preliminary Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan – Karen explained that the Northern Santa Cruz County Preliminary Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (IRWMP) is a regional effort to develop strategies for implementing high-priority water supply, restoration and water quality projects. Karen further explained that current trends in grant funding at the state level require grantees to communicate and collaborate with local agencies to identify and prioritize projects. The SCCRCD component of this project is to implement Phase II of IWRP. The IRWMP provides supporting justification for the high-priority projects. The Board discussed IRWMP. Karen told the Board that the document is currently being reviewed by other partners and will come to the Board for adoption at the December Board Meeting. The Board thanked Karen and John for participating in this project.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Expenditures

General Expenditures – The General Expenditures for October 2005 were circulated for review. John Ricker moved to approve them. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Transfers

There were no Transfers.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Karen reported on the status of the CARCD Resolution proposed by the District in the last meeting for the CARCD Conference. She explained that the Resolution will be taken to the Executive Committee, then to another Committee, where it may be changed or not and then taken to a vote. The Board suggested that Jim question CARCD regarding the status of previous resolutions and suggested there be accountability measures for resolutions. Karen reported that she has been working with Lloyd Williams regarding liability exposure for District projects. Lloyd has contributed several hours on this issue pro bono. The Board expressed their gratitude for his help on this important matter.

Directors/Associate Directors Reports

Howard, John, Sheryl and Vasiliki attended the Taste of San Benito Tour held in October. The Tour was well attended and each of the San Benito Directors spoke during the bus ride to the various farms.

NRCS Reports

Rich Casale circulated an activity report for September and October. Rich reported that Daniel Mountjoy will be the new Area Conservationist and will start November 14. The EQIP deadline is December 20. Rich has a new engineer starting work the week of November 14.

Calendar Dates

November	16-20	CARCD Annual Conference, San Diego (RCD)
December	7	Board Meeting, Capitola Office 6:30PM (RCD)
	14	Holiday Party, Location TBD

ADJOURN

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM. The next **Board Meeting will be on December 7, 2005 at 6:30PM** at the Capitola Office 820 Bay Avenue Suite 128 in Capitola.

James G. McKenna
President, Board of Directors

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