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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 **6:33PM on December 7, 2005**, at the Resource Conservation District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128, Capitola, California.

Directors Present:	Sheryl Bailey Tom Lukens Jim McKenna, President John Ricker Roberta Smith
Directors Absent:	Howard Liebenberg Mike Manfre, Vice President
Associate Directors Present:	Vasiliki Vassil
RCD Staff Present:	Tangi Chapman, Recorder Karen Christensen, Executive Director of Programs

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at **6:33**, with a quorum present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications. Karen shared written communications from (1) the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding "Revisions to Proposed Critical Habitat for the California Red-Legged Frog", (2) the Elkhorn Slough Foundation's newsletter *Tidal Exchange*, (3) the County of Santa Cruz Office regarding a change to representation on the Treasury Oversight Commission, (4) a notice from the Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District regarding annexation of an area south of Freedom Boulevard and, finally, (5) the meeting schedule of the Central Coast RC&D Council.

MINUTES

Roberta Smith moved to approve the November 9, 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 updated the Board regarding the addenda to the Northern Santa Cruz County Preliminary Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan. Suggestions were incorporated per peer review. John explained that some comments were deferred though the authors addressed as many issues as possible. This document has been posted on the SCCRCD website at www.sccrcd.org. Karen pointed out that the support for this document has been impressive, with fourteen letters of support from partners in the community. Having the document in place shows the partner commitment. We should be notified within the next 30 days for a potential call-back for this grant proposal. Roberta expressed that the title does not accurately describe the geographic area included in the plan. Though no adequate suggestions were mentioned, Roberta indicated that she would try to think of an alternative. It was suggested that a map of the affected area be included on the cover. Tom Lukens moved to adopt Resolution 2005-07 to move the Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan forward. Sheryl Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Karen reported that she, Carey, Jim and Rich attended the CARCD State Conference in San Diego. She reported on the panel discussion on the new reporting requirements of the State Water Quality Resources Control Board. Karen found the discussion very productive and also stated that Emily Hanson addressed the issue and identified a solution and also that Daniel Mountjoy emphasized the same points. After this meeting, Karen found that all the RCDs present understood the severity of the problem. On Saturday, Karen reported that at the discussion before the vote on the Resolution regarding the reporting requirements, Districts asked if the Resolution was strong enough. It then passed. Karen then chronicled the events that have transpired since the November meeting and indicated that the tides are now turning, with all partners and agencies beginning to address and work together on this issue. Karen will keep the Board updated on the reporting requirements. The Board expressed their gratitude to Karen and Emily for perseverance and ability to reach out to other organizations to gain support. Kudos!

Directors/Associate Directors Reports

Vasiliki suggested having an open house to the community and our partners. Karen will talk to staff about having a New Year's open house.

Karen reported that staff are working on assessing the amount of work done in each watershed by graphing numeric targets, as well graphing where the given watershed was verses where it is now.

ADJOURN

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM. The next **Board Meeting will be on January 11, 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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