



# 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 **6:37 on February 8, 2006**, at the Resource Conservation District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128, Capitola, California.

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| Directors Present: | Howard Liebenberg<br>Tom Lukens<br>Jim McKenna, President<br>John Ricker<br>Roberta Smith                           |
| Directors Absent:  | Sheryl Bailey<br>Mike Manfre, Vice President  |
| RCD Staff Present: | Tangi Chapman, Recorder<br>Karen Christensen, Executive Director of Programs<br>Sharon Corkrean, Executive Director |

### WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at **6:37** with a quorum present.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications. Karen shared written communications from both the Department of Conservation regarding a beverage container recycling grant and the CCRC&D regarding meeting corrections.

### MINUTES

John Ricker moved to approve the January 11, 2006 minutes as presented. Tom Lukens seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### Program Discussion Items

#### Personnel (Closed Session)

Personnel (Open Session) – The Board approved personnel benefits as presented.

### BUDGET & FINANCE

#### Expenditures

General Expenditures – The General Expenditures for January 2006 were circulated for review. John Ricker moved to approve the January General Expenditures. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### Transfers

There were no Transfers.

### REPORTS

#### Staff Reports

Karen reported that Staff has been busy meeting grant application deadlines. Propositions 13, 40 and 50 funds are being sought for roads, agriculture, manure management and IWRP programs. Karen informed the Board that the roads program will be expanding into the lower Pajaro. The roads program will continue in the San Lorenzo, Aptos and Lower Pajaro watersheds. The IWRP program continues with implementation projects. Karen hopes the District will be able to fund a staff person half time to administer the permit coordination component of this project. Karen reported that according to the Department of Conservation, under the Public Resources Code Division 9, RCDs are considered divisions of the State for the sole purpose of contracting. Karen explained that

the reporting issue with the State Water Resources Control Board is still unresolved. In addition, there is new language that outlines that the grantee must complete all aspects of the grant or all the money must be returned plus interest. She reported that this has sent many agencies into a "tail spin." The University of California, among others, is currently meeting with the SWRCB to resolve the issue. Karen will continue to work on this and update the Board at the next meeting.

**Directors/Associate Director Reports**

There were no Directors/Associate Directors Reports.

**NRCS Reports**

There were no NRCS Reports.

**Calendar Dates**

March 16 Blue Circle, location TBD.

**ADJOURN**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next **Board Meeting will be on March 8, 2006 at 6:30PM** at the Capitola Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128, Capitola.

James G. McKenna  
President, Board of Directors

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