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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 **6:39 October 11, 2006**, at the Resource Conservation District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128, Capitola, California.

Directors Present: Sheryl Bailey
Howard Liebenberg
Tom Lukens
Mike Manfre, Vice President
Jim McKenna, President
John Ricker
Roberta Smith

Associate Directors Present: Kathryn Tobisch
Vasiliki Vassil

RCD Staff Present: Tangi Chapman, Recorder
Karen Christensen, Executive Director
Sharon Corkrean, Director of Finance

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the September 13, 2006 meeting minutes and changes were discussed. Tom Lukens moved to approve the September 13, 2006 meeting minutes with the proposed changes. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Expenditures

General Expenditures – The General Expenditures for September 2006 were circulated for review. John Ricker moved to approve the September 2006 General Expenditures. Tom Lukens seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Board discussed the need to check whether the Directors are covered under the liability insurance through the District. Jim McKenna and Tom Lukens agreed to review the policy.

Transfers

There were no Transfers.

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

AWQA Strategic Plan – Karen explained to the Board that Agriculture Water Quality Alliance is a regional collaboration of agriculture; federal, state, and local agencies; technical experts; and environmental groups to carry out the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Agriculture and Rural Lands Plan. Karen further explained that AWQA has developed a Strategic Plan to address the MBNMS's Agriculture and Rural Lands Plan and that the Board, having reviewed the document, must decide how to provide input and whether to eventually adopt the Strategic Plan. The Board then discussed the need to increase the strength of the rural roads and rural lands component of the document and the need to make the document more direct and succinct. The Board expressed concern with having the SCCRCD name on the document. Karen will bring the concerns of the Board to the Committee and request review of the final document.

CARCD Resolutions – Karen informed the Board that currently there are two Resolutions for the Board to review and that there may be additional “emergency” Resolutions before the November CARCD Annual Meeting. She suggested that, if there are subsequent Resolutions, an additional Board Member should consult with Jim and Sheryl so that they know how to vote. Karen read the Resolutions to the Board. After discussion and incorporation of comments, Roberta Smith moved to support the amended version of the 1st Resolution (Title). Sheryl Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Board then discussed and incorporated changes to the 2nd Resolution. Roberta Smith then moved to support the amended version of the 2nd Resolution (title). Sheryl seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Karen reported that IWRP, the Roads Program and the Pajaro Agriculture Project all received State funding. Congratulations to all Staff for their hard work! To accommodate the increased workload and need for work stations, the District will be expanding into an upstairs office. The Pajaro team and the Roads Program will move to the new office. Both office spaces will be integrated with a new phone system that links the two offices together. Karen further informed the Board that the District has purchased a GIS computer to link into the NRCS server.

Directors/Associate Director Reports

Vasiliki Vassil reported that she needs more direction from the Board regarding her participation in the CCRC&D meetings. She has been unable to attend due to work conflicts and would like to pass the responsibility on to another Associate Director who may be interested. Karen will schedule a review of the CCRC&D annual plan with the Board and discuss how and or whether to participate in the CCRC&D meetings.

NRCS Reports

No updates were given. Karen reminded the Board that the Blue Circle meeting on October 17 will be held at Rich Casale's house.

Calendar Dates

October	5	Taste of San Benito, Tour begins in San Juan Bautista, 9:00AM-2:00PM (San Benito RCD)
	17	Blue Circle, Mixer, Redtail Ranch, 3:00-6:00PM (NRCS, RCD)
November	1-4	CARCD Annual Meeting, Santa Rosa (RCD)
November	13	Ethics Training, Santa Cruz Civic, 6:00-8:00PM (RCD)

ADJOURN

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. The next **Board Meeting will be on November 8, 2006 at 6:30PM** at the Capitola Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128, Capitola.

Jim McKenna
Director, Board of Directors

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