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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 March 14, 2007**, at the Resource Conservation District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128, Capitola, California.

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

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 6:40PM with a quorum present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications. Karen shared written communications with the Board. LAFCO sent a copy of the proposed final budget for fiscal year 2006-2007. LAFCO will adopt their final budget on April 4, 2007. Of note to the District are the LAFCO contributions which include a 2.9% increase in fees from the current year. At the same meeting they will also review the proposal for the annexation of "approximately 7 acres of municipally-owned open space to the City of Santa Cruz and detach the same territory from the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District (SCCRCD)."

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the February 7, 2007 meeting minutes. Tom Lukens moved to accept the February 7, 2007 meeting minutes as written. John Ricker seconded the motion. Tom Lukens, Jim McKenna and John Ricker signified by saying "aye." Sheryl Bailey and Mike Manfre abstained. The motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Expenditures

General Expenditures – The General Expenditures for February 2007 were circulated for review. (Roberta Smith arrived.) Sharon pointed out that the District has not received an invoice from Sustainable Conservation; therefore, there has been a delay in payment. The Board offered to write a letter to Sustainable Conservation to encourage their submittal of the necessary invoice. Karen expressed her confidence that the matter would be resolved soon and that she would request a letter from the Board if it did not get resolved. John Ricker moved to accept the February 2007 General Expenditures. Tom Lukens seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Transfers

No transfers were discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Resolution 2007-02 – Karen circulated Resolution 2007-02 for review. Karen explained that this was essentially the same resolution as presented last month, Resolution 2007-01. However, the State required the resolution be modified to allow specified representatives, i.e., the Executive Director and the Board President, to authorize signing of any amendments to the Vegetation Treatment Contract. Mike Manfre moved approval of Resolution 2007-02 as presented. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Karen reported difficulty in the Permit Coordination Program. She explained that a Memorandum of Agreement was signed by NRCS with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) in regard to the Permit Coordination Program. Karen just received a letter from the DFG and it said that, due to the departure of the coordinator of the program Carolyn Remick, the DFG is re-visiting their MOA with NRCS. Karen expressed her frustration that so much time and money was put into the Permit Coordination Program, and averred that for DFG to pull out now would create conflict among the involved agencies. The Board agreed with Karen and offered to draft a letter to DFG. Karen will contact Daniel Mountjoy to encourage him to negotiate with them. Karen will continue to update the Board with developments on this issue.

Karen informed the Board that the congressional earmark for \$600,000 by Sam Farr for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is vulnerable. For some reason the money was not specifically earmarked for this purpose and its loss could be devastating to NRCS and RCD programs. This money, among other things, funds Nick Lasher's engineering position, programs at the Ag Water Quality Coalition, the MBNMS Ag Water Quality Coordinator, UC Cooperative Extension and the six-county RCD coordinator. Karen also recommended that the upcoming AQWA Report, which we had reviewed previously, be reviewed before it is published to ensure we agree with the contents.

Karen also reported that there have been three new staff members. Karl Fieberling has been hired to administrate the Pajaro Grants Administration. Kelli Guerra and Karminder Brown have been hired to work in the Hollister RCD office; they will begin mid-April and early May, respectively.

Karen will be going March 20, 2007 to Sacramento to discuss the Proposition 50 funding for the Northern Santa Cruz County IRWM grant.

The Blue Circle was successfully held at Michael's on Main in Soquel and was well attended.

Directors/Associate Director Reports

No Director/Associate Director Reports were given.

NRCS Reports

No NRCS reports were given.

Calendar Dates

No calendar dates were discussed.

ADJOURN

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM. The next **Board Meeting will be on April 18, 2007 at 6:30PM** at the Capitola Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128, in Capitola.

Jim McKenna
Director, Board of Directors

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