

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF SANTA CRUZ

The regular Meeting of the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz (the District) Board of Directors was called to order at **November 14 5:20PM, 2007**, at the Resource Conservation District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128, Capitola, California.

Directors Present: Sheryl Bailey
Jim McKenna, President
John Ricker
Roberta Smith

Directors Absent: Tom Lukens
Mike Manfre, Vice President
Howard Liebenberg

Associate Directors Present: Kathryn Tobisch

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

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 5:20PM with a quorum present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the October 10, 2007 meeting minutes. John Ricker made a small correction to the Director Reports. Roberta Smith moved to accept the October 10, 2007 meeting minutes with the above correction. John Ricker seconded the motion. Sheryl Bailey abstained. Three were in favor; the motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Expenditures

General Expenditures – The General Expenditures for October 2007 were circulated for review. John Ricker moved to accept the October 2007 General Expenditures with corrections as discussed. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Transfers

No transfers were discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Pajaro IRWM Project Sponsor Agreement– Karen circulated the Proposition 50 Implementation Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Grant Agreement, the Grant Description, and the Pajaro River Watershed IRWMP Initial Check List. Karen explained that this agreement is the same for all subcontractors and is non-negotiable. However, she did say that the District was able to make one slight change with regards to monitoring. Initially, the agreement required 10 years of post-monitoring on all projects. Karen pointed out that this would not be applicable for projects such as cover cropping. Therefore the language was changed to monitoring for the useful life of the project. Karen further explained that the agreement must be ratified by all participating Boards. Roberta pointed out that in the checklist the word “ongoing” is spelled incorrectly throughout. John Ricker noted that District’s former name and initials are used as well in the checklist. Sheryl Bailey moved to approve the Pajaro IRWM Project Sponsor Agreement with corrections to the checklist as noted. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Karen circulated the session notes from the Strategic Planning session lead by Ray Ledgerwood and suggested that at the next meeting the Board discuss the Strategic Plan in detail and ratify a plan. Karen informed the Board that Kelli Camara has left the NRCS. She highlighted that in an email to Ed Burton explaining the need for assistance in the workload for Rich Casale, she cut and pasted accomplishments of the NRCS and the District straight from the Strategic Planning session notes. In response to the email, Ed Burton will be visiting the District on December 12. The Board encouraged Karen to schedule a tour of projects for his visit. Several projects were suggested to illustrate the importance of NRCS in providing technical assistance and funding. Karen will confirm with Ed and let the Board know of the outcome.

Karen thanked the Board for attending the project tour (earlier in the day). Directors were excited to view the projects and speak with other agencies involved. Karen informed the Board that the District will need to find a Board member to attend the CCRC&D Council meetings. She and Rich have encouraged the Council to rotate meetings into the area to reduce the burden of driving to King City each month. Karen shared that the Farm Water Quality Short Courses have been a huge success on the Central Coast with 93% of growers attending. Finally, Karen suggested a tradeshow style presentation for the next Blue Circle meeting. The idea would be to highlight projects of other groups with whom the District works. Several places were suggested for the venue. Karen will research and give an update.

Directors/Associate Director Reports

Jim McKenna attended the CARCD Annual Conference in Rancho Cordova. He reported that all the Resolutions presented to the Board last month passed.

NRCS Reports

There were no NRCS reports.

Calendar Dates

No calendar dates.

NEXT MEETING

Date/ Agenda Items

The next **Board Meeting will be on Wednesday January 16, 2008 6:30pm at the Capitola Office.**

Jim McKenna
Director, Board of Directors

(TC: JM)