



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The regular Meeting of the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz (the District) Board of Directors was called to order at **6:47PM, March 11, 2009** at the Resource Conservation District, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010.

Directors Present:	Margaret Kinda Jim McKenna John Ricker Roberta Smith
Directors Absent:	Howard Liebenberg Tom Lukens Mike Manfre, Vice President
Associate Directors Present:	Vasiliki Vassil
RCD Staff Present:	Tangi Chapman, Executive Assistant Karen Christensen, Executive Director Sharon Corkrean, Director of Finance

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 6:32PM with a quorum present. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No oral communications were given.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the February 11, 2009 regular meeting minutes. John Ricker noted that the word "counsel" was misspelled. John Ricker moved to accept both the February 11, 2009 meeting minutes as corrected. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

BUDGET & FINANCE

General Expenditures – Sharon circulated the General Expenditures for February 2009. Sharon pointed out that Joe Simitian's (State Senator) office helped to track down and push through a check from the state for \$180,000. This money was for projects completed under the federal 319 grant, but was being held up in the state due to the budget crisis. The Board also reviewed line items in the expenditures. John Ricker moved to accept the February 2009 General Expenditures as presented. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Transfers

There were no transfers.

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Resolution 2009-02 State Revolving Fund Loan – Karen explained that the Federal Stimulus money is being filtered to the State through the State Revolving Fund; agencies can apply for money through this fund. Karen further explained that the State will determine which projects will get loans and which will get grant funds. She then presented the Board with Resolution 2009-02; the resolution allows the District to apply for money available through the State Revolving Fund. Karen pointed out that at this time it is unclear whether loans to uploaded projects that are currently in the frozen fund will be reimbursable should the funds become "unfrozen". Karen felt that it was better to upload the projects now and then work out the details later, pointing out that the State is currently the only option for funding at this time. She also

informed the Board that staff are simultaneously working to secure funding elsewhere for “shovel-ready” projects. John Ricker moved to adopt Resolution 2009-02. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Karen then outlined other strategies for bringing money to the District so that programs and projects can proceed this construction season. She explained that she is working with Planning Conservation League, the Land Trust and Ecology Action to pursue Private Placement Bonds, purchasing bonds privately to fund projects locally. John suggested looking into the County’s Revenue Anticipation Bonds.

The public and Associate Directors were asked to leave as the Board moved into Closed Session.

Closed Session with Legal Counsel

John Ricker left the meeting.

Liability Discussion– There was no Liability Discussion.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

None were given.

Written Communications

Written communications were circulated for the Boards information. Included in the communications was a letter from the Quaker Center complimenting Kelli Camara for her assistance. Additionally, LAFCO sent a letter soliciting nominations for the position of regular member their proposed budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009. The Central Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc sent their 2008 Annual Report.

Calendar Dates

None were given.

Directors/Associate Directors Reports

None were given.

NRCS Reports

None were given.

NEXT MEETING

Date/ Agenda Items

The next **Board Meeting will be on April 15, 2009 at 6:30PM at the RCD office 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010.** The Board meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Jim McKenna
Director, Board of Directors

(TC: JM)