

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (the District) Board of Directors was called to order at 5 30PM December 8, 2010 at the Sugar Mountain Ranch, 369 Twin Lanes, Soquel, California

Directors Present	Howard Liebenberg Mike Manfre, Vice President Jim McKenna, President Dave Moeller John Ricker
Directors Absent	Margaret Kinda Roberta Smith
RCD Staff Present	Tangi Chapman, Recorder Karen Christensen, Executive Director Nikira Hernandez, Contract Employee
Others Present	Jim Robbins, Consultant Susan Pierce

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 5 20PM with a quorum present

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Oral Communications were given

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Memorandum of Agreement for the Santa Cruz Integrated Water Management Plan – Karen explained that the MOA before the Board today is essentially the same agreement that was signed in 1995. The current MOA will expire December 31, 2010. The new MOA has been updated to add partners and to allow for amendments as necessary, it lays out the framework for the non-binding mutual understanding between agencies and partners. Karen further explained that one of the benefits of this coordinated effort is to educate the agencies and partners on what is going on collectively in the watersheds. She pointed out that agencies are subdivided into three descriptive categories, partners, affiliates and associates. If an interested group would like to be included in the IWMP process they would need to be sponsored by one of the partner agencies. Karen pointed out that the Community Foundation is a signatory. After discussion, Dave Moeller moved to accept the Memorandum of Agreement for the Santa Cruz Integrated Water Management Plan as presented. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

REPORTS

Directors/Associate Directors Reports

Jim McKenna reported on the November CARCD Annual Conference in Ventura. He reported that the Resolution created by the District to encourage the CARCD to make connections with the Land Trusts and educate them as to the roles RCD's play in the conservation landscape was well received and spurred discussion regarding the role of RCDs in the current political landscape.

Howard Liebenberg asked how the Fundraising survey affects the goals set out in the Strategic Plan. Karen commented that she did not see a conflict of interest and that the Fundraising survey is a tool to see where the Board stands and what expertise is available for fundraising development

NRCS Reports

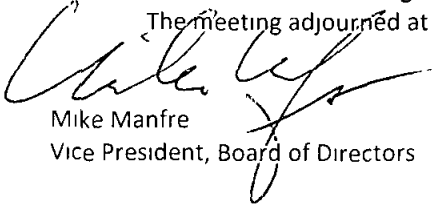
There were no reports given

NEXT MEETING

Date/ Agenda Items

The next **Board Meeting will be on January 12, 2011 at 6:30PM at the Resource Conservation District Office** in Capitola

The meeting adjourned at 5 40PM



Mike Manfre
Vice President, Board of Directors

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