



**MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 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 **6 37PM, July 21, 2010** at the District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010 The meeting was chaired by Jim McKenna

Directors Present	Margaret Kinda Mike Manfre, Vice President Jim McKenna, President David Moeller John Ricker Roberta Smith
Directors Absent	Howard Liebenberg
Associate Directors Present	Kathryn Tobisch
RCD Staff Present	Vasiliki Vassil Tangi Chapman, Board Secretary Karen Christensen, Executive Director Joseph Issel (Program Specialist) Alicia Moss Angela Stuart (Program Specialist)

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 6 37PM with a quorum present

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Oral Communications were given

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the June 9, 2010 meeting minutes John Ricker moved to accept the minutes Roberta Smith seconded the motion All were in favor of the motion

BUDGET & FINANCE

2009-2010 Expenditures – The June 2010 Expenditures were circulated for approval John Ricker moved to accept the June 2010 Expenditures Dave Moeller seconded the motion All were in favor of the motion

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Karen told the Board that since Joseph Issel would be wrapping up work at the District by July 23, she asked him to give the Board an update on the Fire Program Joe shared that the Community Wildfire Protection Program was approved by the County Board of Supervisors and now needs to be signed by local fire chiefs before it goes into effect With the CWPP in place, he explained, the District and partners will be able to apply for more grants that support Wildfire Protection Board members commented that there were members of the public that felt left out of the process and it was agreed that informing the public of future meetings is an important step that should not be left out Joe then went on to report that the Chipper Program is in its fourth quarter and that the word is getting out He said that 8 projects have been completed, effecting 40 acres of land and 1,100 people with home values totaling approximately \$3 million He explained that there is great potential to affect many more acres, indicating that all people have to do is pile brush in a safe location and then the Fire Department will come and chip the brush, which can then be used as mulch on the property Joe said that Bryan

Frueh and Angie will be filling in where Joe leaves off with the program. The Board discussed that outreach would be important. The Board wished Joe well in his future endeavors.

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Resolution 2010-04 – Angie Stuart presented Resolution 2010-04 to the Board, indicating that the resolution designates the Executive Director to sign on behalf of the District Board of Directors to apply for funding through the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for planning, design and construction of the Countywide Stormwater BMP/Low Impact Development (LID) Implementation Program and that the Executive Director will see to it that the District complies with all applicable state and federal statutory and regulatory requirements related to any financing or financial assistance received from the SWRCB. Dave Moeller moved to adopt Resolution 2010-04 as presented. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Resolution 2010-03 – Alicia Moss presented Resolution 2010-03 to the Board. She explained that the resolution authorizes the Board President or designee to enter into agreement with the State of California for the Implementation of Irrigation and Nutrient Management in the Lower Pajaro Watershed. The Board expressed their concern with the regulatory portion of this program and Karen indicated that the District is “cautiously optimistic” that the needs of the District will not be compromised by this program. Karen explained that she will continue to negotiate the terms of the agreement with the Regional Water Quality Control Board and that this resolution allows the District to proceed with the funding process, not that the District is ready to sign on to the program. John Ricker moved approval of Resolution 2010-03. Dave Moeller seconded the motion. Margaret Kinda, Jim McKenna, Dave Moeller, John Ricker and Roberta Smith were all in favor of the motion. Mike Manfre abstained. The motion carries. Discussion continued on this topic.

(returned to) BUDGET & FINANCE

2010-2011 Draft Budget – Karen circulated the 2010-2011 Draft Budget for review and adoption. After discussion of the budget, the Board had questions that they wanted clarified by Sharon. Mike Manfre wanted an explanation of designated vs. undesignated funds. John Ricker said that he would have a conversation with Sharon regarding the undesignated fund balance in the budget and then email the Board with rationale for designations. Dave Moeller then moved to approve the 2010-2011 Draft Budget. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

REPORTS

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Karen gave updates on agricultural meetings she and others attended recently. The Board discussed progress and concerns regarding water issues in the Pajaro watershed. Karen then reported that she and Kelli have been working on a 10 year renewal for the Permit Coordination Program. She said that the County Planning Commission will be considering renewal for the program on July 28.

Karen told the Board that the Ecosystem Services portion of the Farm Bill has been moving forward. She said that there was a roundtable discussion in Sacramento with the NRCS where the importance of the continued relationship between the RCD and the NRCS was emphasized.

Written Communications

Written communications were circulated from CSDA.

Calendar Dates

November 18-20, CARCD 65th Annual Conference, Ventura, CA

Directors/Associate Directors Reports

Roberta reported that Cal Poly's five week summer Forestry Class at Swanton Pacific Ranch is in its final week. She said that she has been impressed with the hands-on nature of the class and that the participants walk away with on-the-ground, hands-on experience by creating a Timber Harvest Plan.

Mike Manfre told the Board that he attended a Regional Water Quality Control Board planning session at Elkhorn Slough. He explained that the Pajaro Watershed is the only area that does not have an Ag Waiver beyond March (of 2011). He said that the flavor of the discussion was heavy handed and that the staff of the RWQCB dominated.

NRCS Reports

There were no reports given

NEXT MEETING

Date/ Agenda Items

The next **Board Meeting** will be on **September 8, 2010 at 6:30PM** at the RCD office 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010 The meeting adjourned at 8 22PM

Jim McKenna
Director, Board of Directors

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