

MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 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 **6:36PM, May 12, 2010** at the District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010. The meeting was chaired by John Ricer as the Chair Jim McKenna and Vice Chair Mike Manfre were not present.

Directors Present:	Margaret Kinda Howard Liebenberg David Moeller John Ricker Roberta Smith
Directors Absent:	Mike Manfre Jim McKenna, President
Associate Directors Present:	Ward Hastings Kathryn Tobisch
RCD Staff Present:	Tangi Chapman, Board Secretary Sharon Corkrean, Director of Finance Nik Strong-Cvetich, Program Specialist

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 6:45PM with a quorum present. The meeting was chaired by John Ricker.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Nik Strong-Cvetich told the Board that the RCD will be sponsoring a Community Planting Day event next to Soquel Elementary School Friday May 14 at 1:00PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the April 14, 2010 meeting minutes. Dave Moeller moved to accept the minutes with minor corrections included. Margaret Kinda seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

BUDGET & FINANCE

2009-2010 Expenditures – The April 2010 Expenditures were circulated for approval. After a short discussion, Roberta Smith moved to accept the April 2010 Expenditures. Dave Moeller seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Fund Diversification Strategy Development Grant – Nik reminded staff of the Community Foundation Grant that he brought to the Board several months ago. He explained that the RCD will likely receive the \$15,000 grant which will pay for the District to hire a consultant to develop a plan of action to further diversify the funding sources for the District. He went on to explain that one of the requirements of the grant is for the Board to be involved in the process. Therefore, he suggested forming an ad hoc Committee of the Board to meet with staff. He suggested that the committee could meet prior to the Wednesday night Board meeting. Nik said that the committee will first need to make recommendations for and approve the consultant. Then, they will work to develop different funding strategies. Finally, the Board will help implement the funding strategies that are developed. Nik said that he has spoken to Jim McKenna who has agreed to sit on the ad hoc committee. Margaret and Roberta indicated that they would be willing to participate as well. Roberta Smith then moved to direct staff to apply for and approve if awarded the Community Foundation Grant to pursue a Fund

Diversification Strategy and to form an ad hoc committee to develop the said strategy. Dave Moeller seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

LAFCO – John reported on his discussion with Pat McCormick of LAFCO regarding the recent request from local cities to receive services from the District. Currently, the cities of Santa Cruz, Watsonville, and Scotts Valley are not within the District’s boundaries. If the cities are annexed, then the District may be able to receive a portion of the tax revenue. John said that Pat McCormick suggested John have a meeting with the County Administrative Officer and identify where the tax would go. When he meets with the CAO, the Board encouraged him to have a list of services the District has already provided for the cities and what potential services the District could provide in the future.

Health Benefit Renewal – Tangi reported that the premiums for the existing CalChoice medical plan increased by approximately 30%. She then presented the Board with three options and their associated costs for the coming year (see attached documents). The various merits and drawbacks of each were discussed. Option 1 continues with the current Medical and Dental program. While this plan is expensive, it offers the greatest flexibility to staff, offering several different plans under one umbrella. Option 2 is a plan sponsored by the Special District Risk Management Authority; this program is a pool of other special districts and offers competitive rates for medical and dental plans for a set price per employee, regardless of age. The District must commit to a three year contract with SDRMA. Option 3 is a plan through Aetna offering the lowest price for a comparable benefit. Tangi also requested the Board review the minimum hour requirement for employees to participate in the program. After discussion, Howard Liebenberg moved to define active employee as 20 hours or more. Margaret Kinda seconded the motion. Tangi then clarified to the Board that this definition could be changed during the reenrollment process. John Ricker then called for a vote and all were in favor of the motion. Then, Dave Moeller moved to accept Option 2, the SDRMA Silver PPO medical plan and the SDRMA Medium Delta Dental plan at 100% of the employee cost and 0% employee dependent’s cost. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. After the plan was adopted, Tangi presented the Board with the Resolutions and a Memoranda of Understanding between SDRMA and the RCD of Santa Cruz County for participation in the Medical and Dental programs. Dave Moeller then moved to adopt the Resolutions and the Memoranda of Understanding for SDRMA instructing the Board President Jim McKenna to sign the documents. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Sharon requested the Board review the current organizational chart. She explained that since Arianne Rettinger left her position as Program Manager II, Kelli Camara has picked up most of the workload. The organizational chart is now skewed and is in need of adjusting. Dave Moeller suggested that Karen and Sharon should let the Board know what they want the chart to look like and then work towards that end.

NRCS Reports

There were no reports given.

Written Communications

Written communications were circulated from LAFCO.

Calendar Dates

May 30 Music in the Gardens, Santa Cruz Baroque Festival, Santa Cruz area gardens, 1:00-5:00PM –Announced by Kathryn Tobisch.

Directors/Associate Directors Reports

Howard reported that he has been training fire fighters to use the chippers for the chipper program.

Roberta said that the Davenport Geological Society meeting about the Lockheed Fire of summer 2009 was very informative and successful.

Kathryn Tobisch shared that the Santa Cruz Baroque Festival Music in the Gardens will be happening May 30.

NEXT MEETING

Date/ Agenda Items

The next **Board Meeting will be on June 9, 2010 at 6:30PM at the RCD office 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010**. The meeting adjourned at 8:44PM.

Jim McKenna
Director, Board of Directors

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