



**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 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 November 10, 2010 at the Swanton Pacific Ranch, "Little Creek House", Davenport, California

Directors Present	Howard Liebenberg Mike Manfre, Vice President Jim McKenna, President Roberta Smith
Directors Absent	Margaret Kinda David Moeller John Ricker
RCD Staff Present	Tangi Chapman, Recorder Karen Christensen, Executive Director Sharon Corkrean, Director of Finance

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 5 35PM with a quorum present

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Oral Communications were given

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the October 13, 2010 meeting minutes Mike Manfre moved to accept the October 13, 2010 meeting minutes as presented Roberta seconded the motion All were in favor of the motion

BUDGET & FINANCE

2009-2010 Expenditures – The October 2010 Expenditures were circulated for approval Roberta Smith moved to approve the October 2010 Expenditures Mike Manfre seconded the motion All were in favor of the motion

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Resolution RCDSCC 2010-09 – Karen read the proposed resolution, later switched to a proclamation, honoring the work of Roberta "Bobbie" Haver in her capacity as the Arana Gulch Watershed Alliance champion Bobbie will be stepping down from the position and the Santa Cruz Port District has indicated that they will recruit for her replacement Her "retirement" party is scheduled for December 3 at the Crow's Nest at the Santa Cruz Harbor Roberta Smith moved to accept the Proclamation Mike Manfre seconded the motion All were in favor of the motion

Policies – The policies were tabled until the January 12, 2011 Board Meeting

LAFCO Request for Nominations – The LAFCO request for nominations was circulated The Board declined to nominate a candidate

California Council of Land Trusts Membership Discussion – Karen told the Board that she has been working to open dialogue with Land Trusts to educate them on the work and merits of RCDs In addition, Karen explained that she has been in contact with the State and Federal RCD associations to advertise the mission and accomplishments of RCDs Her goal is to make sure the RCDs do not get overlooked as a tool for conservation on private and public land The California

Council of Land Trusts offers memberships to public agencies and non-profit organization. By becoming a member the District would be invited to membership meetings, have a listing on their website and receive publications regarding Land Trusts. She said that the District needs to continue to market what the RCDs do while also remain trusted by the public. The Board then discussed the importance of building alliances with Land Trusts to work together rather than to isolate each other. After discussion, Roberta Smith made a motion to join the California Council of Land Trusts. Howard Liebenberg then seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

CARCD Resolutions – The Board then discussed the two resolutions that will be voted on at the November CARCD Conference. Resolution 10-0001 would allow a staff representative to have voting privileges if a District did not have an associate/director available to attend the meetings. The Board commented that this is a “slippery slope” to go down and felt that volunteer commitment to attend meetings needed to improve. On the flip side they also felt that if the agendas were more compelling there might be better attendance. King City is a long way to drive if the meeting is not important, the Board also encouraged more teleconferencing. The Board was not in support of the Resolution 10-0001. Resolution 10-0002 is the one that the RCD of Santa Cruz County and RCD of San Mateo County proposed.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

There were no staff reports given.

Written Communications

Written communications from the County of Santa Cruz were circulated. The letters indicated that the Board of Supervisors had approved the reappointment of Roberta Smith, David Moeller, and Jim McKenna for another term.

Calendar Dates

November 17-20 CARCD 65th Annual Conference, Ventura, CA
December 3 Retirement Party for Bobbie Haver, Crow's Nest 4 00PM, Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor,
December 8 Holiday Potluck, John and Bernadette (Ricker) to host at their home

Directors/Associate Directors Reports

Roberta circulated a flyer for a Sustainable Agriculture Practices Workshop to be held at Swanton Pacific Ranch December 13-17.

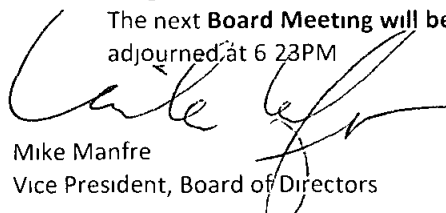
NRCS Reports

There were no reports given.

NEXT MEETING

Date/ Agenda Items

The next Board Meeting will be on December 8, 2010 at 5:30PM at the Sugar Mountain Ranch in Soquel. The meeting adjourned at 6:23PM.


Mike Manfre
Vice President, Board of Directors

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