



**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2012 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 Board of Directors was called to order at 6:35PM, February 8, 2012 at the Simpkins Family Swim Center, Room B, 979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Santa Cruz.

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| Directors Present:           | Howard Liebenberg<br>Mike Manfre, Vice President<br>David Moeller<br>Roberta Smith   |
| Directors Absent:            | Jim McKenna, President<br>John Ricker  |
| Associate Directors Present: | Vasiliki Vassil  |
| RCD Staff Present:           | Tangi Chapman, Recorder<br>Karl Fieberling, Grant Manager<br>Bryan Frueh, Program Specialist<br>Soonil Gillett, Program Specialist<br>Michael Johnson, Program Specialist<br>Sacha Lozano, Contract Employee<br>John Morley, Program Assistant<br>Susan Pearce, Director of Programs |
| NRCS Staff Present:          | Angie Quintana-Jones, Soil Conservationist   |
| WSP Staff Present:           | Leah Healy, AmeriCorps<br>Carmen Tan, AmeriCorps   |
| Others Present:              | Gordon Claassen<br>Patrick Parcel  |

**WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting opened at 6:35PM with a quorum present. Mike Manfre chaired the meeting.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no oral communications.

**REPORTS**

**NRCS Update**

Angie Quintana-Jones circulated an activity report for NRCS. She told the Board that NRCS has received twelve new EQIP applications. In addition, NRCS has been assisting the RCD with the Livestock and Land, Rural Roads, MANA and Permit Coordination Programs.

**Staff Presentations**

The staff presentation was moved to after the Action Items so that staff could prepare the slideshow equipment.

**MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the January 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Howard Liebenberg then moved to approve the January 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Dave Moeller seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

2011-2012 January Expenditures – Tangi Chapman told the Board that the January 2012 Expenditures would be reviewed at the March meeting.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Program Discussion Items

Cost of Living Adjustment – Tangi Chapman presented the Board with the January Consumer Price Index Summary News Release. She explained that each February the Board reviews the index and sets the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) based on the CPI for the previous year. The CPI for 2011 is three percent, Tangi reminded the Board that for the last two years they have based the COLA on the CPI with adjustments of 2.6% and 1.6%, respectively. In addition, Tangi passed out Staff Step and Level charts with the current and a three percent increase for comparison. Tangi indicated that, if passed, the adjustment would take effect the first pay check in March. The Board questioned whether or not the budget could handle the increase. Tangi indicated that Sharon Corkrean factors in the increase when creating the budget for the year. After discussion, Roberta Smith moved approval of a three percent COLA to take effect the first pay period in March. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Strategic Fund Development Strategy – The Strategic Fund Development Strategy was presented for Board approval. Nik Strong-Cvetich told the Board that the document included minor changes suggested by John Ricker and Jim Robins. Nik explained to the Board that the document is the culmination of a year-long process that gives the District tools to talk effectively about the RCD and highlights strategies to enhance and diversify programs. Nik highlighted contents of the document to the Board. The Board was impressed with the result and, after discussion; Dave Moeller moved to approve the Strategic Fund Development Strategy. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

## REPORTS

### Staff Reports

Kelli Camara reported that the District was awarded a Department of Conservation Watershed Coordinator Grant and that she and Susan Pearce are working on hiring for that position. The details have yet to be solidified, but the person will likely be shared between the Upper and Lower Pajaro Watersheds. There is also talk of sharing office space with the San Benito RCD.

### Written Communications

Tangi Chapman circulated a Call for Applications from LAFCO for two appointments to the Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission: the Public Member and the Public Alternate.

### Calendar Dates

January 14	Save Soquel Creek Volunteer Day, Invasive Plant Removal with AmeriCorps
27	Community Water Dialogue
28	Livestock and Land Workshop (RCD)

### Directors/Associate Directors Reports

Dave Moeller reported that Brian Leahy has been appointed Director of the California Department of Pesticide Regulations. Mr Leahy has worked for CARCD and will replace Marian Warmerdam.

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### Staff Presentations

Staff gave a PowerPoint virtual tour of 2011 projects completed by the District. The Board asked questions and complemented staff on all their hard work.

## NEXT MEETING

### Date/ Agenda Items

The meeting closed at 8:20PM. The next **Board Meeting will be on March 14, 2012 at 6:30PM at the RCD of Santa Cruz County Office at 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136.**

Jim McKenna  
Director, Board of Directors



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