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MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2013 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 **6:32PM, February 13, 2013** by Board Chair Jim McKenna at the District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010.

Directors Present:	Gordon Claassen
	Jim McKenna, President
	David Moeller
	Roberta Smith
Directors Absent:	Howard Liebenberg
	Mike Manfre, Vice President
	John Ricker
Associate Directors Present:	Kathryn Tobisch
RCD Staff Present:	Tangi Chapman, Recorder
	Karen Christensen, Executive Director
	Sharon Corkrean, Director of Finance
	Sue Pearce, Director of Program Operations
NRCS:	Rich Casale, District Conservationist

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 6:31PM with a quorum present. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting. He opened the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Expenditure binder to review expenditures receipts. Tangi requested an agenda item be added to action items. She explained that a Coastal Conservancy grant was received and signed after the agenda was posted and cannot wait until the next meeting. In order for the grant to be executed the Board must pass a resolution authorizing the Board President or designee to negotiate and execute the agreement and any amendments. Roberta Smith moved to add Resolution 2013-01 to the Agenda action items. Dave Moeller seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Resolution 2013-01 was then added to action items.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the January 16, 2012 meeting minutes. Roberta Smith moved to approve the January 16, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Dave Moeller seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

BUDGET & FINANCE

2012-2013 January Expenditures – The January 2013 expenditures were reviewed by the Board. Sharon highlighted that January was a busy month with funds coming in and being paid out to cover the fall construction season.
Gordon Claassen moved approval of the January 2013 expenditures. Dave Moeller seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

(Rich Casale entered)

REPORTS

RCD Staff Update

Karen informed the Board that the District is pursuing a grant in cooperation with Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency. The District is hiring a consultant to write the grant application; this will cost $16,000. Karen has been working with partners to receive donations to cover the cost of the grant application. The intent of the grant proposal is, among

other things, to fund a mobile irrigation lab which has been greatly needed. In addition, Karen has been working on a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency grant to implement the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz for Coho related projects. The District has received letters of support from County Supervisor Bruce McPherson, State Parks, NRCS, and Director of California Department of Pesticide Regulation Brian Leahy for the grant. The Coastal Conservancy will serve as the lead partner.

Sue Pearce updated the Board on the recent staffing changes. Nik Strong-Cvetich has moved on to his new position with Save the Waves. Lisa Lurie has joined the District; she will begin working full-time in March. She has worked for several years for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Sacha Lozano and Lisa Lurie will take over many of the projects that Nik was working on prior to leaving. Sue went on to talk about the reception that was held for the recipients of the James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award of which Karen was one of the honorees. The event was held in Sacramento with 30 of Karen's supporters present. Karen also received a Resolution form the California State Assembly recognizing Karen for her work. Sue told the Board that there will be a local event held in April. She will update the Board about the event in the coming weeks. Karen expressed her appreciation and said that the process has been humbling as there are so many in California that are doing amazing work. Jim McKenna recognized that the entire staff contributed to Karen's leadership award. Sue reminded the Board about the basketball game at the Santa Cruz Warriors Ecoday event to be held on March 23 at 7:00PM. She encouraged the Board to attend. Many local partners will be in attendance.

NRCS Update

Rich Casale circulated the NRCS activity log for November and December. Rich gave highlights from the activity log. He attended and spoke at the EcoFarm Conference held at the Asilomar in Monterey. He said the event was well attended and very informative, though he is working on a strategy to encourage other NRCS staff to attend. Rich has upcoming speaking events scheduled, including a Farm Finance Expo and a Viticulture Sustainable Management Summit. Additionally, he said that deadlines for applications to several NRCS programs take place in the next few weeks.

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

RCD Organizational Chart– Sue Pearce circulated the proposed revised organizational chart for the RCD. She told the Board that it is the same chart that was circulated at the previous board meeting. After a brief discussion, Dave Moeller moved to adopt the Organizational Chart. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Resolution 2013-01 – Tangi read the resolution before the Board. The resolution authorizes the Board President or his designee to negotiate the agreement and any other amendments to the agreement with the Coastal Conservancy for the Ecosystem Services grant. Gordon Claassen moved to adopt Resolution 2013-01 as presented. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

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Staff Reports

Sharon informed the Board that the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 audit has begun. She will keep the Board posted on any developments.

Written Communications

Written communications were circulated from the Local Agency Formation Commission regarding a call for Special District nominations to the LAFCO Treasury Oversight Commission, and also from an Annual Report from the Special District Risk Management Authority.

Calendar Dates

March 23, 2013 – Eco Event at the Santa Cruz Warriors Game, 7:00PM in Santa Cruz

Directors/Associate Directors Reports

Roberta Smith reported that she attended a Watershed Assessment Technical Advisory Committee meeting for San Vicente Creek. Roberta shared that Kelli Camara chaired the meeting and that she did an excellent job of building the foundation for a collaborative and effective committee.

NEXT MEETING

Date/ Agenda Items

Gordon Claassen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The next **Board Meeting will be on March 12, 2013 at 6:30PM at the RCD of Santa Cruz County Office at 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136.**

Jim McKenna
President, Board of Directors

(TC: JM)