



## MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 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 6:35PM, June 12, 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 John Ricker Roberta Smith
Directors Absent:	Howard Liebenberg Mike Manfre, Vice President David Moeller
RCD Staff Present:	Tangi Chapman, Recorder Susan Pearce, Director of Program Operations Donna Meyers, Acting Executive Director

### WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 6:35PM with a quorum present. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications.

### MINUTES

The Board reviewed the May 15, 2013 meeting minutes. John Ricker moved approval of the May 15, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

### BUDGET & FINANCE

2012-2013 April Expenditures – The May 2013 expenditures were reviewed by the Board. Gordon Claassen moved approval of the May 2013 expenditures. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

### REPORTS

#### NRCS Reports

Rich Casale circulated the NRCS activity report for May. Rich highlighted several activities from his report. He noted that he has met with the RCD staff to discuss the USDA Integration and Nutrient Management grant that former RCD employee Michael Johnson was working on before he left the District. The District has not been billing against the grant largely due to lack of interest among area farmers as well as a lack of staff capable of continuing the program. Rich suggested that the District could contract the work out or possibly work to change the deliverables for the grant. Rich and staff have also been participating in the Community Water Dialogue meetings and he told of a productive meeting which included the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency who would like to provide funding to area partners to provide water conservation outreach. Rich has also been collaborating with District staff to submit an abstract for the CARCD Conference regarding the Community Water Dialogue process. Finally, Rich told the Board that 14 projects will be funded this construction season through the EQIP and America Great Outdoors Programs.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### Program Discussion Items

Resolution RCDSCC 2013-04 – The Board reviewed the candidates for the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors. After review and discussion, John Ricker moved to vote for the three incumbent candidates, Muriel



Clift, Jean Bracy, and David Aranda, as well as newcomer Denise Mayo. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Resolution RCDSCC 2013-05 – Donna Meyers presented the Board with Resolution 2013-05. The Resolution gives the Board's consent for the Executive Director to participate in the Water Bond Coalition. The Coalition consists of central coast cities, counties and special districts working together to secure California Bond funding for conservation projects. The District participated in the initial Water Bond Coalition in 2002. John Ricker moved approval of Resolution 2013-05. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Personnel Handbook – Susan Pearce reported that the Personnel Handbook will be ready for approval at the next Board meeting. Susan explained that after she incorporates Roberta Smith's comments she will email copies to the entire Board for review prior to the next meeting.

Proposition 50 Subgrant Agreement – John Ricker explained that the third amendment to the Proposition 50 Subgrant Agreement consists of a switch in allocation of funding that brings the contract in-line with how the money was actually spent. The District has already closed the books on this grant. John Ricker made a motion to approve the Proposition 50 Subgrant Agreement. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Proposition 84 Stormwater Subgrant Agreement – John Ricker presented the Proposition 84 Stormwater Subgrant Agreement to the Board. He explained that this grant is similar to the Proposition 50 funds the District received for Component 12 and Component 13 that just closed in March of this year. In this subgrant agreement, the District will provide the public outreach and education for the overall Stormwater Grant. The lead agency is County Health Services who will be subcontracting out to the cities of Scotts Valley and Santa Cruz. The cities will be implementing Stormwater projects and Angie Gruys will be coordinating the public outreach. John reported that the Regional Water Management Foundation will be providing the administration and invoicing. The entire grant is for \$2.3 million and the RCD will subcontract for \$220,000 and it requires no matching funds and will be completed in 2016. After consideration, Gordon Claassen moved approval of the Proposition 84 Stormwater Subgrant Agreement. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

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### Staff Reports

Susan Pearce updated the Board regarding staffing changes. She told the Board that John Morley finished his work with the District at the end of May. Additionally, the District has two new summer interns. Amber Schatt is a CSUMB student working on the Arana Gulch Watershed. Rey Montano is a Monterey Institute of International Studies student and is working on the Community Water Dialogue, specifically working on the communication framework for the program. Susan then went on to talk about the Memorandum of Understanding she has been working to get approved between the Regional Transportation Commission and local agencies to provide the ground rules for the bridge replacement at Scotts Creek. Roberta had comments and insight on the process and Susan suggested they get together to discuss concerns regarding the project.

### Directors/Associate Directors Reports

Jim McKenna reported that he attended the Scotts Valley Rotary Club morning breakfast and gave a presentation.

Gordon Claassen shared that he hosted the Texas Agricultural Land Group at the Swanton Pacific Ranch.

## NEXT MEETING

### Date/ Agenda Items

Gordon Claassen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The next Board Meeting will be on July 10, 2013 at 6:30PM at the RCD of Santa Cruz County office at 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA.

Jim McKenna  
President, Board of Directors



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