

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2014 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 **6:37 PM, June 11, 2014** by Board Chair Jim McKenna at the District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010.

Directors Present:	Gordon Claassen Robert Ketley Jim McKenna, President John Ricker Roberta Smith
Directors Absent:	Mike Manfre, Vice President Howard Liebenberg
Associate Directors Present:	Kathryn Tobisch
RCD Staff Present:	Susan Pearce, Program Director, Recorder Sharon Corkrean, Director of Finance Chris Coburn, Executive Director (by telephone)

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 6:37PM with a quorum present. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications.

REPORTS

NRCS Reports

The NRCS activity report was circulated for the Board to review.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the May 14, 2014 meeting minutes. Roberta Smith moved approval of the May 14, 2014 meeting minutes. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE

FY 2013-2014 May Expenditures – The May 2014 expenditures were reviewed by the Board. DFG San Vicente Grant and Branciforte Dam have been closed out. Gordon Claassen moved approval of the May 2014 expenditures. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Resolution 2014-06 – Susan Pearce presented the Board with a resolution to authorize the District to enter into an agreement with the Coastal Conservancy for the Climate Ready Grant. John Ricker moved to approve Resolution 2014-06 as presented. Robert Ketley seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Resolution 2014-07 – Susan Pearce presented the Board with a resolution to authorize the District to apply for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program. Gordon Claassen moved to approve Resolution 2014-07 as presented. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Cost Allocation Plan – Sharon Corkrean indicated that she is working on the Cost Allocation Plan and will be prepared to present it at the next Board Meeting. She has worked with other RCDs to get some examples of how they are developing their plans.

North Rispin Property Inspection – Kelli Camara and Susan Pearce completed the inspection of the North Rispin property earlier this month. The Board reviewed the report and approved it. John Ricker moved to approve the inspection report for submittal to the City of Capitola. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

(Kathryn Tobisch joined the meeting at 7:05pm)

REPORTS

Staff Reports – Chris Coburn reported that he will start officially next week as Executive Director. He met with CalFire and the county to discuss opportunities related to fire prevention. He attended a meeting with the Coastal Conservancy regarding the overall program objectives and the Conservancy's staff transition as Kate Goodnight retires. He has also been getting up to speed on Ecosystem Services, staff activities, and finance.

Susan Pearce reported that the WCB approved an award of \$531,000 to the RCD at their May meeting for the RCD to complete six projects in Santa Cruz County. Kelli Camara is busy getting bids and completing contracts for this work. We are finalizing the 2013 annual report and the San Vicente report. The RCD is evaluating opportunities for NRCS contribution agreements.

Director/Associate Director Reports – Gordon Claassen reported on classes that will be offered at Cal Poly Swanton Pacific Ranch this summer, including sustainable forestry, wildlife field techniques, sustainable livestock, ag certification.

Roberta Smith reported that she saw "Showboat" at the SF War Memorial Opera House and it was terrific.

Kathryn Tobisch reported that she was at the Baroque festival at the "Creek Haven" gardens and it was lovely.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed the Notice of Availability of a Draft EIR for the proposed Monarch Cove Hotel Project, the Public Hearing Notice for an NRCS Consistency determination, and the notice of elections and candidate statements for the CSDA officer elections.

NEXT MEETING

Date/ Agenda Items

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM. The next meeting will be held July 9, 2014. No agenda items are yet available.

Jim McKenna
President, Board of Directors
(TC: JM)

