



MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Santa Cruz County Board of Directors was called to order at **4:52 PM, November 19, 2014** at the Al Smith House, Cal Poly Swanton Pacific Ranch, 280 Swanton Road, Davenport, CA 95017.

Directors Present: Jim McKenna, President
John Ricker
Gordon Claassen
Howard Liebenberg
Roberta Smith

Directors Absent: Mike Manfre
Robert Ketley

RCD Staff Present: Chris Coburn, Executive Director
Susan Pearce, Program Director
Kelli Camara, Program Director

WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 4:52 with a quorum. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the October 8, 2014 meeting minutes. Gordon Claassen moved approval of the October 8, 2014 meeting minutes. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE

The October 2014 expenditures were reviewed by the Board. Chris reported that October was a busy month with many construction projects during the month. The board noticed that some of Kelli Camara's expenditures had low line item amounts and asked for clarification at the next board meeting. Gordon Claassen moved approval of the expenditures as presented, with a request for clarification of Ms. Camara's expenses at the next board meeting. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Program Discussion Items

Resolution 2014-13 Filing Notice of exemption with the Office of Planning and Research. The Resolution states that the RCD is not required to file a Notice of Exemption with the Office of Planning and Research under CEQA. The Board noticed a typo in the resolution that the "NOE" had mistakenly been written as "NOW." John Ricker moved to approve the resolution with a correction of the typo. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS

NRCS Report

The Board reviewed the NRCS Activity Report for October 2014.

Staff Reports

Chris Coburn reported on the CARCD conference, which was attended by Chris Coburn, Jim McKenna, Lisa Lurie and Stacie Ruffoni and Susan Pearce attended. Stacie Ruffoni was awarded the Employee of the Year by the CARCD. He also reported that the Ecosystem Services Valuation document is nearly ready for final release. The Pajaro IRWM monetary award was reduced because of a challenge by another IRWM in the region. Additionally, the RCD is working on approaching the WCB for funding of future projects. Chris shared a letter from Fred Keeley to the County Board of

Supervisors indicating that Mr. Keeley is researching the possibility of creating an Open Space District in the County. The RCD had a successful and fun Blue Circle event on November 6, including a meaningful recognition of Director Emeritus Ward Hastings. Kelli Camara wanted to recognize the effort of RCD staff on submitting grant applications including two fire grants and two Climate Ready grants.

Director Reports

Jim McKenna reported on the standard setting work at the CARCD conference. He was proud to be representing the RCD of Santa Cruz County at the conference. Howard Liebenberg reported on Soil Erosion magazine, particularly an advertisement for "roll-out" concrete. He also reported that Rich Casale spoke to the Horsemen's Association last night.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The RCD received correspondence from the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors regarding the reappointment of Board Members Roberta Smith, Jim McKenna, and Robert Ketley.

NEXT MEETING

Date/ Agenda Items

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27PM. Gordon Claassen moved to close the meeting. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor.



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