



**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 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 **6:52PM, September 14, 2016** at the District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010. A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting.

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| Directors Present: | Jim McKenna, President<br>Mike Manfre, Vice President (arrived at 7:23 to establish quorum)<br>Robert Ketley<br>John Ricker              |
| Directors Absent:  | Gordon Claassen<br>Roberta Smith<br>Howard Liebenberg  |
| RCD Staff Present: | Chris Coburn, Executive Director<br>Tangi Chapman, Recorder<br>Sharon Corkrean, Director of Finance<br>Rebecca Moore, Program Specialist |

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting informally started at 6:52PM, non-action items were discussed due to a lack of a quorum. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

Chris Coburn introduced Rebecca Moore who was recently hired as a part-time Program Specialist with the District. Until recently, Rebecca had been working at the RCD as an intern through NRCS and Cal State University Monterey Bay. Rebecca will be working on various projects including fire preparedness, assisting Gerry Spinelli with irrigation efficiency audits and generally supporting the Agriculture and Restoration Programs. She will be busy initially working on a number of grant applications due for submittal in the near future. The Board welcomed Rebecca to the team.

(Ms. Moore left the meeting at 7:00PM)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Due to a lack of quorum the District proceeded to non-action items.

**5. NRCS REPORT**

There was no report submitted. Chris Coburn told the Board that Rich Casale has been working most days in Big Sur helping with damage assessment from the Soberanes Fire.

**From 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8.3. Executive Director's Report**

Chris Coburn presented the written Executive Directors Report, dated September 9, 2016. Chris highlighted points from his report. Several of the District's recent grant applications have been recommended for funding by the various granting agencies, including \$900K from the State Coastal Conservancy for

infiltration basin implementation and a grant awarded was to the RCD of Monterey County that will fund the District to conduct bi-lingual irrigation efficiency workshops. Chris reported that the Bryant Habert Ecological Restoration project is moving forward with construction. The Bryant-Habert Bioreactor was re-bid as all of the first bids exceeded available funding. Project designs were slightly modified and several specifications were clarified as part of the re-bid process, and we are optimistic that we will receive bids within the amount of available funding. Chris reported that the RCD office consolidation is more or less complete, and while the office can be busy at times, staff seems to be adjusting to the tighter space. Chris reported that he attended the County Fish and Game and Water Advisory Committees last month to provide information as they considered comments to the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. Chris reported that staff is moving several new projects forward, including the Soquel Streamflow Enhancement Program, Recharge Net Metering, rotational cover cropping, and an in-lieu of fee program with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(Mr. Manfre entered the room at 7:23PM. The meeting officially opened with a quorum present.)

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

John Ricker moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items. Robert Ketley seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

## **7. ACTION ITEMS**

### **7.1. Resolution RCDSCC 2016-03**

Chris presented the Board with a resolution to enter into agreement and accept funds from the State Coastal Conservancy. The grant will fund technical and scientific analysis in support of lagoon and marsh restoration efforts at the Scotts Creek Lagoon. The grant consists of \$104,000 to conduct lagoon, beach, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling. Chris told the Board that a complimentary grant was also submitted to the California Wildlife Conservation Board that complements the studies with development of actual restoration designs.

John Ricker moved adoption of Resolution RCDSCC 2016-03. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

### **7.2. CARCD Conference Delegate**

Chris gave details of the upcoming CARCD Conference scheduled for November 15-19 to be held in Ontario, California. He will be presenting on Recharge Net Metering for Ground Water Recharge at the Conference. As always, the Board will need to send a delegate to the Conference. Mike Manfre said he would double check his schedule to see if he could make it. Jim McKenna volunteered to go as well. The Board decided to wait until October to determine the delegate for the Conference.

### **7.3. FY 2016-2017 Final Budget**

Sharon Corkrean presented the Board with the proposed FY 2016-2017 Final Budget. Sharon informed the Board that there are only minor changes from the Draft Budget the Board adopted in July. Those changes reflect information that has come in regarding awarding of pending grants and closing out the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

John Ricker moved approval of the FY 2016-2017 Final Budget. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1. Offer of Donated Property**

Chris told the Board that he has been approached by Terry Rein, the RCD Counsel, regarding several orphaned properties located around the county. She has a client that would like to donate the properties to the RCD. The properties vary in size, accessibility, and resource value. John Ricker suggested that Chris contact Travis Carey from the County of Santa Cruz to get some perspective on the process, including potential benefits and liabilities. The Board expressed that if there was a value, be it monetary or

ecological, to owning the properties then it would be worth the potential liability. However, more information would be needed to decide the potential net gain. The Board instructed Chris to check in with the County and Terry for more information.

### **8.2. Measure D – Safety, Pothole Repair, Traffic Relief, Transit Improvement**

The District has been asked to consider endorsing Measure D – The Safety, Pothole Repair, Traffic Relief, and Transit Improvement measure on the November General Election. After discussion of the various projects the measure would fund and the potential environmental benefits that better managed and maintained infrastructure improvements could bring, the Board decided that the benefits would outweigh any drawbacks.

John Ricker moved that the Board of Directors endorse Measure D. Robert Ketley seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed. A resolution will be provided for the Board's October meeting.

### **8.3. Executive Director Report (Continued)**

Chris finished up his Report from earlier by sharing that one of the projects has been held up due to waiting for permits from US Army Corp of Engineers. However, we received confirmation that the permit should be in the mail tomorrow.

### **8.4. Directors Reports**

John Ricker and Mike Manfre both shared that they had received their Notice of Reappointment Vacancy. Chris said that Terry Dorsey from the County should be contacting other Board members that are up for reappointment in the coming days. Applications are due by October 4, recommendations will be made on October 11 and final appointments are scheduled to be done on October 18.

Mike Manfre asked about the Soquel Creek Streamflow from Chris's Executive Director Report. Chris explained that the concept is to get landowners with water rights to Soquel Creek to participate in a program in which they would divert a portion of their water allocation during the rainy months and leave water in the creek during the dry months.

John Ricker suggested the RCD look for a new location for the RCD Holiday Party. Anyone that is interested in hosting should contact Chris.

## **9. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the RCD Board of Directors is scheduled for October 12 at 6:30PM. John Ricker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36PM. Robert Ketley seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Jim McKenna  
President, Board of Directors

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