



**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 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 **6:30 PM, October 12, 2016** at the District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010. A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting.

Directors Present: Jim McKenna, President
Mike Manfre, Vice President (arrived at 6:37PM)
Robert Ketley
John Ricker
Gordon Claassen
Roberta Smith
Howard Liebenberg

Directors Absent: None

RCD Staff Present: Chris Coburn, Executive Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting informally started at 6:30PM. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Chris Coburn introduced Roger Tompkins, the newly-hired NRCS District Soil Conservationist. Roger has been with NRCS for six years, working in Mississippi, Blythe, CA, and Visalia, CA before coming to this region. Prior to working for NRCS, Roger owned and operated a contracting business. Roger will be split time between the San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Salinas NRCS offices.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chris notified the Board that agenda item 7.6 would be removed.

5. NRCS REPORT

There was no report submitted. Chris Coburn informed the Board that Rich Casale has been consumed with work in Big Sur helping with damage assessment from the Soberanes Fire and recently in the Santa Cruz mountains responding to the Loma Fire.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1. Consider adopting Resolution #RCDSCC 2016-04 Endorsing Measure D

The Board briefly revisited last month's discussion regarding Measure D. At that time, the Board moved to endorse Measure D, which is now being brought back to the Board for formal approval. John Ricker moved approval of Resolution #RCDSCC 2016-04. Roberta Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

7.2. Consider adopting Resolution #RCDSCC 2016-05 regarding the Memorandum of Agreement for the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Chris provided the Board with an overview of the Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP). The State instituted this program in 2003 and the Santa Cruz Region has been successful with several grant applications since that time. Of note is that the Region established a stand-alone non-profit entity to administer the program (the Regional Water management Foundation (RWMF). The RWMF has proven to be an effective mechanism for managing grants from the IRWM as well as other water-related programs. Also, Chris described how the six regions of the Central Coast Funding area established an agreement to allocate funding to each region proportionally. While potentially meaning that fewer funds would come to the Santa Cruz Region, this arrangement provides a level of certainty that some funding will come to the Region. Robert Ketley moved approval of Resolution #RCDSCC 2016-05. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

7.3. Consider approval of contract with Watsonville Wetland Watch for revegetation work at the Bryant Habert Ecological Restoration Project

Chris provided the Board with the reasoning for bringing this contract to the Board. Watsonville Wetlands Watch has a long track record of working successfully on RCD projects, and staff is confident that they will be able to complete this work as described in the scope of work. Jim McKenna asked Chris to work with Counsel to evaluate needs to revise the District's standard contract language. John Ricker moved approval of Resolution #RCDSCC 216-06. Robert Ketley seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

7.4. Consider designating a delegate for the annual California Association of Resource Conservation Districts Annual Conference

After discussion, the Board decided to nominate Jim McKenna to serve as delegate on behalf of the RCD. Robert Ketley moved nominating Jim McKenna as the delegate for the Santa Cruz RCD at the CARCD conference. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

7.5. Consider resolution #RCDSCC 2016-06 allowing the RCD to enter into Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and sign the contract for the Pajaro Watershed Toxicity Project

Chris provided an overview of this grant. In short, the goal of the grant is to reduce toxicity in receiving waters through on-farm and edge-of-field treatment best management practices. Staff will be working with the Regional Board to refine the Scope of Work and budget in the coming weeks. John Ricker moved approval of Resolution #RCDSCC 216-06. Robert Ketley seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

~~7.6. Consider revising Policy# 1020 Conflict of Interest Code Appendix of Designated Position-ITEM REMOVED~~

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1. Executive Director Report

Chris highlighted several items in his written report, in particular that this year's construction projects are complete or nearing completion. Chris also discussed the challenges that the RCD has had with the various grants programs administered by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

8.2. Directors Reports

John Ricker mentioned that DWR is in the process of updating the State's Water Plan. John may contact CARCD to participate in the process. John also mentioned that four directors are up for re-appointment. Howard

mentioned that there is a large water tank being put in at the end of Sims Road near Pasatiempo. The tank will store tertiary treated water and blend with potable water to irrigate.

9. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the RCD Board of Directors is scheduled for November 9th, which will likely include a tour of recently-completed projects. Gordon Claassen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Jim McKenna
President, Board of Directors

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