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**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2017 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 **6:50 PM, January 11, 2017** at the District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010. No quorum was present.

Directors Present:	Howard Liebenberg Jim McKenna, President Robert Ketley
Directors Absent:	Gordon Claassen Mike Manfre, Vice President John Ricker Roberta Smith
Associate Directors Present:	Kathryn Tobisch
RCD Staff Present:	Chris Coburn, Executive Director Tangi Chapman, Recorder
NRCS Staff Present:	None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting informally started at 6:50 PM. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting; no action was taken at the meeting as there was no quorum present.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

There were no introductions made.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board made no changes to the Agenda.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

No action was taken.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**6.1. Consideration of Nomination to the LAFCO Special District Member**

No action was taken.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**7.1. Executive Director Report**

Chris circulated the Executive Director Report for the Board.

**7.2. Review California Association of Resource Conservation District's Planning for the Future (i.e. RCD Vision and Standards) document**

Robert Ketley expressed his concern that many of the standards in Tier 2 and Tier 3 will not make Districts any more effective, but rather adds an administrative burden that could take away from District's ability to implement projects. Chris Coburn reflected on this concern and shared that the reason for this document is to raise the level of accountability at all Districts across the State, which is necessary for RCDs as they seek baseline funding. He explained that development of the Vision and Standards Document is based loosely on a similar effort that the land trust community went through. He also added that the Santa Cruz RCD, under Karen Christensen's leadership, was one of the drivers of the Vision and Standards development. Karen believed that it was important for the State to provide baseline funding to RCDs, and in order for that to happen, there needed to be a minimum level of standards across all RCDs. Robert clarified that he agrees with the Tier 1 standards. However, Robert expressed a belief that the remainder of the standards "seem like fluff." Robert reiterated his belief that the strength of RCDs is their nimbleness and ability to achieve on the ground results. He was concerned that pursuing Tier 2 or 3 standards would diminish that strength.

**7.3. NRCS Report**

Chris told the Board that NRCS has conducted interviews for Rich Casale's vacant position last week and that we expect to hear shortly about his replacement.

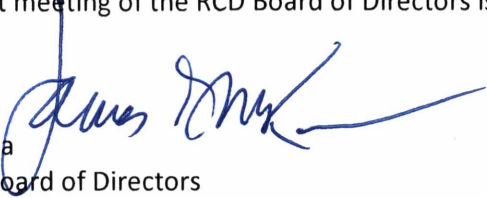
**7.4. Directors Reports**

There were no Directors Reports given.

**8. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the RCD Board of Directors is scheduled for February 8, 2017. The meeting disbanded at 7:13 PM.

Jim McKenna  
President, Board of Directors



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