



**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 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 **6:33PM March 8, 2017** at the District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010.

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| Directors Present: | Gordon Claassen
Mike Manfre, Vice President
Jim McKenna, President
John Ricker
Roberta Smith |
| Directors Absent: | Howard Liebenberg
Robert Ketley |
| Associate Directors Present: | Vasiliki Vassil |
| RCD Staff Present: | Chris Coburn, Executive Director
Tangi Chapman, Recorder |
| NRCS Staff Present: | Roger Tompkins, Soil Conservationist |

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting; there was a 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

Gordon Claassen moved approval of the Consent Agenda items. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1. Vote for a LAFCO Special District Member

The Board reviewed the candidates for the LAFCO regular member and the alternate member. After consideration of the candidates the vote was called. John Ricker moved to nominate Jim Anderson as regular member and Rachel Lather as the alternate Member to LAFCO. Roberta Smith seconded the motion all were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

6.2. Consider adoption of a Public Records Request Policy for the District

Chris presented the Board with the revised Public Records Request Policy. He told the Board that the District's attorney reviewed the document and provided suggestions to address the Board's concern about maintaining confidential information. After much discussion regarding the concerns for confidentiality between the District and Landowners, the Board requested additional wording specific to what types of information would be withheld that would outweigh the public's interest in information. For example, landowner names, address, contact information, resource concern, etc. The Board also requested that the format of the document be revised to follow an outline-numbered format to provide better clarity.

6.3. Consider nominating board member to the Special District Risk Management Agency (SDRMA)

The Board did not nominate a member to the SDRMA Board.

6.4. Consider nominating board member to the California Special District Association (CSDA)

The Board did not nominate a member to the CSDA Board.

6.5. Consider Resolution authorizing the District to submit grant application(s) to the Department of Conservation

Chris presented RCDSCC 20178-02, a resolution by the Board to submit grant application to the Department of Conservation under the Department’s RCD capacity building funding program. As previously mentioned, for the first time, the State’s 2016 – 17 budget allocated \$2.5 million to RCDs. The funding will be administered through a non-competitive grants program intended to fund RCD in the development of programmatic capacity. Since the amount of funding is uncertain, this RCD will be submitting an application that seeks funding for three programs – support for the Community Water Dialogue, support for the development of an in-lieu of fee mitigation program, and support for site evaluations to identify potential sites for implementation of groundwater recharge projects. John Ricker moved approval of Resolution RCDSCC 2017-02 as presented. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1. Executive Director Report

Chris circulated the ED Report for the Board. Chris notified the Board that Gerry Spinelli will be leaving the District at the end of March; he noted that Gerry’s decision was driven by his need to secure his immigration status. Chris also notified the Board that Roger Tompkins has been appointed the acting District Conservationist, and will be stationed full-time in the Santa Cruz local partnership office. In other good news, the District has been awarded several grants recently, including funding from the WCB for the North Monterey County High School Long Toed Salamander Recovery and the Scotts Creek Lagoon and Marsh Restoration. Chris also reported on several recent newspaper articles in which the RCDs involvement in the Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship Network was highlighted, and Chris was quoted in an article about a homeowner who is capturing stormwater for domestic use.

7.2. NRCS Report

Roger Tompkins reported that he and Chris develop a proposal for a new contribution agreement with NRCS. Roger also reported that he has been kept busy providing emergency storm assistance to landowners impacted by the winter’s strong storms. Related to this, Roger has been working to coordinate schedules with the NRCS engineer, located in the Templeton office, to efficiently deliver engineering assistance to Santa Cruz County projects.

7.2. Directors Reports

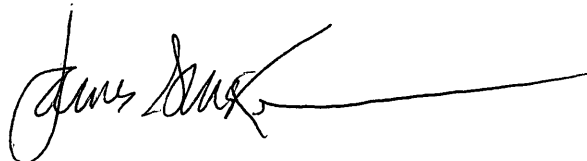
John Ricker reported that the County has been working to compile damage assessments from the winter storms. The County is working on a spreadsheet of public and private road damage to document the dollar value for repairs. He suggested the RCD contribute to the document without disclosing the names of individuals since many people are contact the RCD directly for services.

Vasiliki Vassil shared that National Proof Reading Day was coming up and that April 4, is officially Roberta Smith Day in Santa Cruz County.

8. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the RCD Board of Directors is scheduled for April 12, 2017. Gordon Claassen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Jim McKenna
President, Board of Directors



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