RESOURCE
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OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2018 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 **6:30PM on April 11, 2018** at the District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010.

Directors Present:	Gordon Claassen
	Robert Ketley
	Mike Manfre, Vice President
	Jim McKenna, President
	John Ricker
	Roberta Smith
Directors Absent:	Howard Liebenberg
RCD Staff Present:	Lisa Lurie, Interim Executive Director
NRCS Present:	Whitney Haraguchi, District Conservationist

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting. There was a quorum present.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Jim McKenna welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

John Ricker requested that the Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2018 and March 20, 2018 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for review and discussion. Robert Ketley moved approval of the remaining Consent Agenda item. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Minutes Review and Approval

John Ricker questioned the March 14, 2018 and March 20, 2018 Closed Session reporting that there were no items to report out from the Closed Session. After discussion, Robert Ketley moved to approve the March 20, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes with the addition under 6.4 Closed Session of the following "The Board reported that they wrote an offer letter to Lisa Lurie for the Interim Executive Director position with specified terms. Additionally, they appointed an ad hoc committee to further the selection of a permanent Executive Director." John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried. John Ricker moved approval of the March 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes as presented. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. Robert Ketley abstained; Gordon Claassen, Mike Manfre, Jim McKenna, John Ricker and Roberta Smith were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

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6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. NRCS Report

Whitney Haraguchi circulated the March NRCS Report. In addition to the items on the report, Whit also mentioned that the NRCS has an additional layer of review when it comes to their Cultural Resources reporting on any project that includes ground disturbance. This added layer of review will cause an additional 2-3 months for approval of a project. He predicts that this will likely deter many prospective applicants from seeking EQIP funding to implement a project as they will not be able to complete the project in the appropriate window of time.

6.2. Executive Director's Report

Lisa Lurie thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Interim Executive Director. Jim McKenna let her know that the Board is available to contact anytime for information, advice and support. John Ricker also encouraged her to enlist the Board in any meetings where the RCD should have a presence and that she does not have time to attend given scheduling. She appreciated the support. The Executive Director's Report was circulated and Lisa told the Board that the report was completed by both herself and Chris Coburn before he left for his new job. Lisa highlighted several items from the report. She mentioned that the District submitted a proposal for roughly $500,000 to the Coastal Conservancy for siting, design and permitting of managed aquifer recharge facilities. John Ricker suggested she speak with Sierra Ryan at the county as there is potential for collaboration on this effort. Additionally, Lisa reported that she will be participating in the Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network, an effort to coordinate stewardship in the region; there will be a two day retreat in May. Finally, the RCD will be co-hosting a Board tour for Sustainable Conservation. Sustainable Conservation she said has generously supported the District with funds to match other RCD grants over the years.

6.3. Executive Director Recruitment Process

Jim McKenna reported that the ad hoc Executive Director Recruitment committee met to finalize the Executive Director Job announcement. The announcement has been posted on several LISTSERVs and on the RCD website. All applications must be received by April 27th to be considered. The ad hoc committee will meet the following week to review and rank the applicants. The ad hoc committee will report and make recommendations for next steps at the next Board Meeting in closed session.

6.4. Director's Reports

There were no Director's Reports given.

7. ADJOURN

Gordon Claassen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32PM. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be **May 9, 2018.**

(TC: JM)