



**MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 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 May 9, 2018** at the District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010.

Directors Present:	Gordon Claassen Howard Liebenberg Mike Manfre, Vice President Jim McKenna, President John Ricker Roberta Smith
Directors Absent:	Robert Ketley
Associate Directors Present:	None
RCD Staff Present:	Lisa Lurie, Interim Executive Director
NRCS Staff 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

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1. Consider approval of draft letter to the County Board of Supervisors requesting continued allocation of Zone 4 funds to the RCD for critical landowner assistance

Lisa presented the Board with the draft letter to the Board of Supervisors. She explained that the RCD received \$50,000 dollars from the county to provide landowner assistance in response to the winter storms of 2017. The intent of the letter is to thank the County for the 2017 allocation and to request another year of funding to provide general landowner assistance. The Board suggested that Lisa make some modification to the letter, including asking for what is wanted in the first paragraph and then use bullet points to highlight what the District is working on and why the money is needed. Several Board members agreed to visit with their corresponding Supervisor regarding the request. It was suggested that the month of May is a good time to meet. Lisa said that she would like to go with Mike Manfre when he visits with a Supervisor. After discussion, Gordon Claassen approved the Letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting continued allocation of Zone 4 funds to the RCD for critical landowner assistance with revisions and follow-up meetings with Supervisors. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.



6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. Executive Director's Report

Lisa Lurie circulated the Executive Director's report. She mentioned that it has been a busy couple of weeks as she assumes the role of Executive Director and wraps up her Program Manager roll. Staff have been working diligently on grant proposals including a grant for climate change adaptation and another for wildfire preparedness. The RCD staff has been planning and coordinating an iSpy Science event May 19th at Pinto Lake City Park. Additionally, the RCD co-hosted a tour with the Sustainable Conservation Board of Directors and staff of the Resources Legacy Fund, looking at irrigation efficiency and recharge projects in the Pajaro. Staff also hosted a tour with the Wildlife Conservation Board to review the current WCB projects in northern Monterey County and 6 potential new project sites. The RCD has two Partners in Restoration permit coordination projects slated for the 2018 construction season. Lisa attended a Fire Safe Council meeting with Lizzy, the Fire Safe Council Board and Rosemary from the county. The meeting was productive and for the time being the RCD will continue as the fiscal agent for the county funding of this program. Lisa will be attending the Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network convening on May 15-16.

6.2. NRCS Report

Whit Haraguchi reported to the Board that he was out of the office for much of April due to a flooding of his family home. He said that NRCS will be hosting an Earth Team Volunteer at the end of May for the summer. Additionally, hiring of much needed staff continues at a very slow pace. NRCS has 7 preapproved applications for projects this season.

6.3. Director(s) Report

Gordon Claassen reported that the Swanton Pacific Ranch is sponsoring a California Red Legged Frog training tonight and tomorrow night.

7. Closed Session Item Per Government Code § 54957(b)(1) – Executive Director

The Board opened the Closed Session agenda at 7:30PM.

The Closed Session adjourned at 8:33PM.

The Board reviewed interview questions and scheduling for the May 14, 2018 Executive Director Interviews.

8. ADJOURN

Gordon Claassen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be **June 13, 2018.**

(TC: JM)