RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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

Directors Present:	Gordon Claassen
	Robert Ketley
	Howard Liebenberg
	Mike Manfre, Vice President
	Jim McKenna, President
Directors Absent:	John Ricker
	Roberta Smith
RCD Staff Present:	Lisa Lurie, Executive Director
	Sharon Corkrean, Director of Finance
	Lizzy Eichorn, Program Specialist
NRCS Staff Present:	Whitney Haraguchi, District Conservationist
Others Present:	Rebecca King, Vice President of RCD of Monterey County Board of Directors
	Paul Robins, Executive Director RCD of Monterey County

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. 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.
Lisa Lurie recommended moving item 6.4 of the agenda to 6.1 to be considerate of RCDMC guests. Others agreed.

4. NRCS REPORT
Whit Haraguchi reported that the State Executive Team tour on 6/14/18 was a success, leaving California Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) leadership very impressed with the work and partnership the RCD of Santa Cruz County continues to provide. The group visited two projects that shed light on the importance of irrigation water management education and ground water recharge.

Whit attended a Carbon Farm Planning workshop with Sacha Lozano at TomKat Ranch on 6/27/18. On the agenda were discussions regarding the challenges and application of carbon farm plans throughout the State. NRCS leadership is working on guidance on how such plans can be incorporated into NRCS practices and programs.

All vacant District Conservationists positions have been advertised; the next phase of vacancies should occur in the coming months for other field staff positions. There is no word yet on the local area Soil Conservationist vacancy.

5. CONSENT AGENDA
Robert Ketley moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in

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favor of the motion. The motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1. Consider formation of a subcommittee to improve inter district coordination with RCD of Monterey County

Paul Robins and Rebecca King, from the RCD of Monterey County, came to request more engagement between the Board members of Monterey County and Santa Cruz County RCDs given our shared border and shared watershed (Pajaro). They proposed forming a subcommittee consisting of a couple of Board and staff members from each district to encourage more routine communication and collaboration. The group came to a consensus that a site visit of a potential ILFP project (i.e. McClusky Slough) would be a good way to encourage more communication between the districts rather than forming a subcommittee. Lisa and Paul will work together to schedule a site visit. No Board action was deemed necessary.

6.2. Consider adoption of the Draft FY 2018-2019 Budget

Sharon Corkrean presented the Draft FY 2018-2019 budget. During the summer period, we will be finalizing this fiscal year's budget. After discussion, Howard Liebenberg moved approval of the Draft FY 2018-2019 Budget. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

6.3. Consider approval of Resolution RCDSCC 2018-03 to retroactively accept funds and designate a representative for the Coastal Conservancy Pajaro MAR grant

Lisa Lurie presented the Board with Resolution RCDSCC 2018-03. The purpose of the resolution is to authorize the District to enter into agreement with the Coastal Conservancy for the execution of the Pajaro Valley Groundwater Recharge project, and to designate the Executive Director or designee as the representative to conduct negotiations, execute, submit and sign all documents to complete the requirements of the agreement. Mike Manfre moved approval of Resolution RCDSCC 2018-03. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

6.4. Consider approval of Resolution RCDSCC 2018-04 to accept funds and designate a representative for the County of Santa Cruz Zone 4 Funding for county landowner technical assistance

Lisa Lurie presented the Board with Resolution RCDSCC 2018-04. The purpose of the resolution is to authorize the District to enter into agreement with the County of Santa Cruz to provide outreach and general natural resource technical assistance in Santa Cruz County, and to designate the Executive Director or designee as the representative to conduct negotiations, execute, submit and sign all documents to complete the requirements of the agreement. The amount of this agreement is $50,000 and will be renewed annually as a recurring source of funding for landowner assistance. Robert Ketley moved approval of Resolution RCDSCC 2018-04. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1. Executive Director's Report

Lisa Lurie highlighted several items contained in the Executive Director's report. Two grants have been submitted in collaboration with the Monterey and San Mateo RCDs. A number of sizeable grants are wrapping up this month. Director Jim McKenna and Lisa visited with Supervisor Bruce McPherson to update him on RCD work within his district, to thank the Board of Supervisors for supporting our work, and to reiterate the request for additional Zone 4 funds for landowner technical assistance. RCD staff met with Congressman Jimmy Panetta to provide an overview of the RCD and

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the work we do to benefit his district, including assistance to growers for improved irrigation and nutrient management and managed aquifer recharge. All interactions have been very positive. Recent outreach events providing information to rural landowners were very successful. A number of outreach events are coming up that the RCD is planning and/or participating in. This fall, the Central Coast RCDs are working to make the October 17 area RCD meeting in Templeton an opportunity for our Boards to engage and share experiences. Board members are encouraged to consider attending. Lisa and the Board discussed a proposal under development to the Resources Legacy Fund Land-Sea Connection Program. The planning grant would support watershed coordination within Santa Cruz County focused on leveraging public funding and reducing surface water quality impacts, as well as scoping around emerging issues and potential technical assistance needs within the District (for example, assessing resource concerns and technical assistance needs related to legal cannabis operations).

7.2. Director's Report

There were no Director reports.

8. ADJOURN

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be **September 12, 2018.** Gordon Claassen moved to adjourn at 8:12PM. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.