RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 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 **1:41 PM on November 7, 2018** at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park, 800 Quail Hollow Rd, Felton CA

Directors Present:	Gordon Claassen
	Jim McKenna, President
	John Ricker
	Robert Ketley
	Howard Liebenberg
	Roberta Smith
Directors Absent:	Mike Manfre
Associate Director:	Sheryl Bailey
RCD Staff Present:	Lisa Lurie, Executive Director
	Tangi Chapman, Recorder
	Arianne Rettinger, Grants Manager
	Kelli Camara, Technical Director
	Sharon Corkrean, Director of Finance
	Angie Gruys, Program Specialist - Communications
NRCS Staff Present:	Whitney Haraguchi, District Conservationist

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 1:41PM. 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. NRCS REPORT
Whitney Haraguchi gave a brief report that he and others at NRCS will be interviewing candidates for the Soil Conservation position in the coming weeks.
(Whitney Haraguchi left the meeting)

5. CONSENT AGENDA
John Ricker moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items. Robert Ketley seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1. Review and consider support for the CARCD Resolutions
Lisa Lurie circulated the California Association of Resource Conservation District Resolutions for review. Jim McKenna shared that the goal of the resolutions is to increase regional level representation at meetings by including RCD District Managers/Executive Directors and others to participate rather than strictly RCD

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Board members. After discussion, John Ricker moved to give Jim McKenna the Board delegate discretion to vote on the Resolutions as seems appropriate at the CARCD Conference Directors meeting. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1. In-Lie-of-Fee Program

Lisa reported that the ILF Program team have been working on completing the draft Instrument, the guiding document for the program. Kelli Camara gave an overview of the program and encouraged Board members to contact her with any comments or concerns within the next couple of weeks. The goal is to get the Instrument approved and finalized by the December Board meeting. She went on to explain that United States Fish and Wildlife Service will complete one more review of the document and Terry Rein, District Counsel, will also review the document. Jim McKenna suggested that given the upcoming holiday season, staff might want to get the document to Terry sooner rather than later. Kelli gave a presentation of the program, followed by questions from the Board.

(Arianne Rettinger and Sharon Corkrean left the meeting)

7.2. Executive Director's Report

Lisa circulated the Executive Director's report. She highlighted that she attended a meeting with the Felton Library Friends. The library is currently being built and the theme of the facility will be environmental literacy. The group has reached out to partner with the District to help with programing and outreach through a collaborative grant with the Monterey Peninsula Foundation. The library will have a nature park adjacent to the building.

(Kelli Camara and Angie Gruys left the meeting)

Lisa updated the Board on Forest Health and Fire preparedness grants District staff have been perusing. This grant is looking for large scale Forest Health projects, the district is working with local partners for priorities.

Lisa along with Angie Gruys and Jim McKenna will be attending the CARCD Conference in San Diego.

7.3 Director's Reports

Howard Liebenberg suggested that filling anticipated Board vacancies with someone with experience in fuels management and a forestry background would be an asset to the District.

Jim McKenna shared his gratitude to both Roberta Smith and Gordon Claassen for their years of service to the District and their invaluable perspectives on natural resource conservation.

8. ADJOURN

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will at the District office on January 9, 2019. John Ricker moved to adjourn at 2:45PM. Gordon Claassen seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

(TC: JM)