RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2019 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 **6:32 PM on June 12, 2019** at District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010.

Directors Present:	Kelley Bell
	Howard Liebenberg
	Mike Manfre
	Jim McKenna, President
	John Ricker
Directors Absent:	Steve Auten
	Robert Ketley
RCD Staff Present:	Tangi Chapman, Recorder
NRCS Present:	Whit Haraguchi, District Conservationist

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM, with a quorum present. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME
Jim McKenna welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT
There were no public comments.

4. NRCS REPORT
The NRCS report was circulated. Whit Haraguchi highlighted a tour he took at the Encore Plastic Recycling Plant in Salinas where they are taking agriculture plastic, like drip irrigation and making new products. He said the tour was informative and encouraging. He mentioned that hiring of the 30-40 field office vacancies continue and that Kay Joy Barge is scheduled to return on June 24, 2019 and he will no longer be the acting Area Conservationist. He reported on an excellent training he attended in Northern California with John McCullough on erosion control Best Management Practices. Finally, he said that the deadline for EQIP batch funding in this Friday June 14.

5. CONSENT AGENDA
The Board reviewed the consent agenda item and then John Ricker moved to approve the consent agenda item. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1. Review and Consider Approval of updates to the 1080 Procurement Policy
Tangi Chapman reported to the Board that due to new Federal rules, the 1080 Procurement Policy was updated to include the new rules and regulations within the Federal Code of Regulations Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles. Additionally, the thresholds for competitive procurement of state sourced funds were updated to align with new guidelines where practicable. Finally, redundant items were removed from the policy. After review and discussion, John Ricker moved approval of the updated 1080 Procurement Policy. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

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6.2. Consider Approval of RCDSCC 2019-03 a resolution to enter into a grant agreement with CalFIRE

Tangi presented the Board with Resolution RCDSCC 2019-03. The resolution authorizes the RCD to enter into agreement with and designate the Executive Director to sign the agreement and any amendments and to act as the Contract Manager for the agreement. Mike Manfre moved approval of RCDSCC 2019-03. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

6.3. Consider Approval of RCDSCC 2019-04 a resolution to submit a grant application to the Wildlife Conservation Board

Tangi presented the Board with Resolution RCDSCC 2019-04. The resolution authorizes the RCD to submit a grant application to facilitate the designs of a safe travel and genetic exchange of Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander populations under Highway 1 between the Ellicot Slough-Buena Vista and Larkin areas. She explained that there is currently Integrated Watershed Restoration Program funding for designs of a pond for SCLTS habitat and that by linking the populations with a safe wildlife corridor there would be connectivity between populations. John Ricker moved approval of RCDSCC 2019-04. Kelley Bell seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

6.4. Review candidates and vote for up to three (3) to sit on the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors

The Board reviewed the candidates and discussed the merits of each. After consideration, John Ricker moved to vote for Bob Swan, Jesse Claypool and Sandy Siefert-Raffelson. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1. Executive Director's Report

Tangi circulated the Executive Director's report. She highlighted that the RCD was awarded a State Water Board 319(h) grant to support the "San Lorenzo River Watershed Targeted Sediment Reduction Project" by implementing high priority projects to reduce sediment loading in the San Lorenzo River watershed through improvements to rural roads, home drainage and streambank stabilization. Additionally, she updated the Board on future staffing changes, including that Lisa Lurie will be out on maternity leave starting August 24 to January 2 and the RCD will be hiring a temporary contract agriculture field technician contract employee to support the Ag team on projects related to irrigation efficiency, nutrient management and soil health. Tangi thanked Mike Manfre for helping Angie Gruys with the upcoming "Living on Rural Properties" workshop in Aptos on June 20. Howard Liebenberg volunteered to work the Felton workshop on June 25. John Ricker said that he will be available to help at both as he will be presenting in Aptos and Felton and Jim McKenna offered to help with the Aptos workshop. Finally, she announced that the Blue Circle will be at the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum on July 25. Kelley Bell offered to help with that event.

7.3 Director's Reports

There we no Director's reports given.

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8. ADJOURN

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will at the District office on July 10 at 6:30PM. Howard Liebenberg moved to adjourn. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28PM.

(TC: JM)