RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 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 **6:33 PM on July 10, 2019** at District Office, 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010.

Directors Present:	Steve Auten
	Robert Ketley
	Mike Manfre
	Jim McKenna, President
	John Ricker
Directors Absent:	Kelley Bell
	Howard Liebenberg
RCD Staff Present:	Tangi Chapman, Recorder
	Lisa Lurie, Executive Director
	Sharon Corkrean, Director of Finance

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM, 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.

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. Steve Auten, Mike Manfre, Jim McKenna and John Ricker voted in favor of the motion; Robert Ketley abstained. The motion passed.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1. Consider designating Sharon Corkrean as acting Executive Director and signatory during Lisa Lurie's maternity leave

Lisa Lurie told the Board that she is planning on starting maternity leave on August 24, 2019 and will return January 2, 2020. She intends to be available by phone one half day per week from home starting six weeks after the baby is born. In her absence she would like to propose that Sharon Corkrean be named as acting Executive Director. Sharon will be responsible for daily operations while

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others will pick up programmatic tasks. Additionally, she may require Board participation at RCD events. Robert Ketley made a motion to designate Sharon Corkrean as acting Executive Director and signatory during Lisa Lurie's Maternity Leave. John Ricker seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

6.2. Vote for Special District Alternate Member Seat on LAFCO

The Board reviewed the candidates. John Ricker moved to vote for Edward Banks as the Special District Alternate LAFCO Delegate. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1. RCD Strategic Planning and request Board member participation

Lisa shared with the Board the need to refresh and refocus the Strategic Plan that was completed in 2014. She referenced how strategic planning will build upon recent work on operations planning and improvements with Solid Ground Consulting. She also told the Board that the District has received a grant from the Community Foundation to work on a Strategic Plan, which includes a Communications Plan, through which the RCD will be contracting with Solid Ground. Lisa suggested forming an ad hoc Strategic Planning committee who will meet with Solid Ground this fall to advise on the strategic planning process. The ad hoc committee will include four staff members and three board volunteers. Kelley Bell, John Ricker, and Robert Ketley volunteered to participate. Solid Ground will conduct focus groups with staff, the board, and partners/constituents in October, which will feed into a staff and board strategic planning retreat in January.

7.2. Executive Director's Report

Lisa circulated the Executive Director's report for review. She highlighted that the District is entering into a cooperative agreement with the Regional Transportation Commission to initiate work on the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy. Additionally, the District along with CalTrans, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife have submitted a full proposal to the WCB Wildlife Corridor and Fish Passage Grant program for a wildlife crossing under Highway 1 to improve connectivity for the endangered Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander. The District has completed two well attended workshops for Living on Rural properties in Aptos and in Felton. The workshops focused on rural road, home drainage, erosion control, fire preparedness, and septic system maintenance. Upcoming workshops will be held on July 23, and July 24 on "Understanding Homeowners Insurance in High Risk Areas" co-sponsored by the RCD and Fire Safe Santa Cruz County. The District has been receiving a high volume of chipping requests. The chipping program will be operating next month.

7.3 Director's Reports

Steve Auten shared that he is leaving his position at Swanton Pacific Ranch to start a forest management consulting company. July 26th will be his last day with Swanton.

John Ricker reported that the Draft Mid-county Groundwater Sustainability Plan will be completed by the end of the week. After public comment, the final draft is expected in November.

Robert Ketley reported that there are aquatic macrophytes in Pinto Lake and suggested that efforts by the District and others to control the algal blooms seems to be paying off.

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8. ADJOURN

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will at the District office on August 14 at 6:30PM. Robert Ketley moved to adjourn. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28PM.

(TC: JM)