



**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2020 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 **6:46PM on November 4, 2020** at Zoom Meeting ID: 708-386-048.

- Directors Present: Kelley Bell
Mike Manfre, Vice President
Jim McKenna, President
John Ricker
- Directors Absent: Howard Liebenberg
Robert Ketley
- Associate Directors Present: Kathryn Tobisch
- RCD Staff Present: Tangi Chapman, Recorder
Lisa Lurie, Executive Director
- NRCS Staff Present: Whit Haraguchi
- Members of the Public: Lauren Curtis

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Jim McKenna welcomed everyone to the meeting; Lauren Curtis Arborist with Davey Resource Group introduced herself.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:46PM, with a quorum present. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting. Roll was called and connectivity confirmed; Kelley Bell present; Robert Ketley absent; Howard Liebenberg absent; Mike Manfre present; Jim McKenna present; John Ricker present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments made.

4. NRCS REPORT

Whit Haraguchi gave highlights from the month. He and others have been working on the Post-Fire Response. He said that they have received 25 requests for reimbursements for irrigation and fencing replacements. He said that 15 farms experienced 100% losses; 30 to 50 farms had 60-75% losses due to the fire. Whit said that they will begin program batching starting next March for next year’s programs. Additionally, he will be attending the CARCD Conference next week.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board reviewed the consent agenda items and then, John Ricker moved to approve the consent agenda items. Kelley Bell seconded the motion. Ayes include Kelley Bell, Mike Manfre, Jim McKenna and John Ricker. There were none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1. Consider and nominate an RCDSCC delegate to the CARCD Conference**



Kelley Bell made a motion to nominate Jim McKenna as the CARCD Conference voting delegate. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. Ayes include Kelley Bell, Mike Manfre, Jim McKenna, and John Ricker. The motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 RCD Website update

Lisa informed the Board that staff have begun discussions on the website update. She solicited feedback from the Board about the current website and what they would like to see in the updated version. Lisa said that the website gets quite a bit of traffic, especially with the Post-Fire webpage resource and request for assistance form. The website is a source of information to constituents, stakeholders, contractors and funders. The Board provided their feed-back and suggested that the site should be easy to use, clearly describe what we do, and how we can help. Kelley suggested that that we clearly hit on areas of focus and keep the user in mind. Additionally, it should be mobile phone friendly and mindful of acronyms. Lisa will keep the Board updated on the website construction.

7.2 Executive Director Report

Lisa gave highlights to the Executive Director Report. The CZU Lightning Fire response continues, with site visits and assessments. She explained that efforts are beginning to shift towards winter preparedness and erosion control measures to reduce runoff of toxic waste from burned structures. Volunteers will be helping to install runoff control measures (straw waddles, straw mulch, etc.) at sites affected by the fire, and the RCD is working with the County to seek support from Cal OES, the Department of Water Resources, and the CA Conservation Corps on this effort. Organizations and Agencies including Resources Legacy Fund, Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, the County of Santa Cruz have provided funding to the RCD to help meet the Post-Fire Recovery response.

Lisa shared that the Scotts Creek Marsh and Lagoon Restoration project TAC have been meeting to discuss next steps in the bridge and restoration design integration and development of the Project Initiation Document.

Lisa continues to recruit potential Board Members, focusing on finding someone in the north coast area of the county.

7.3 Director/ Associate Directors Reports

There were no Directors Reports given.

8 ADJOURN

The next meeting of the RCD Board will be January 13, 2021 at 6:30PM via Zoom. **John Ricker moved to adjourn. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. Ayes included, Kelley Bell, Mike Manfre, Jim McKenna and John Ricker. The meeting was adjourned.**

(TC:JM)

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Mike Manfre

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