



**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 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 **6:32PM on September 8, 2021** at Zoom Meeting ID: 708-386-048.

Directors Present:	Kelley Bell Mike Eaton Robert Ketley Howard Liebenberg Jim McKenna, President John Ricker
Directors Absent:	Mike Manfre, Vice President
Associate Director Present:	Kathryn Tobisch
RCD Staff Present:	Tangi Chapman, Recorder Arianne Rettinger, Grants Manager
NRCS Present:	Drew Mather, Soil Conservationist

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM, with a quorum present. Tangi shared that Lisa Lurie was sick and would not be attending the meeting. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting. Roll was called and connectivity confirmed; Kelley Bell present; Mike Eaton present; Robert Ketley present; Howard Liebenberg present; John Ricker present; Mike Manfre absent; Jim McKenna present. Tangi Chapman requested that the August 2021 Expenditures be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the October Agenda.

2. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

Jim McKenna welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jim introduced Mike Eaton the District’s newly appointed Board Member to the group and administered the Oath of Office.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. STAFF PRESENTATION- Zayante Creek Large Woody Debris Project

Arianne Rettinger shared the details of the completed Zayante Creek Large Woody Debris Project. The grant paying for the project wrapped up in June 2021. Due to COVID-19, rather than conduct field tours of the project, two videos were created instead. One an informational video about the project including interviews of the stakeholders, funders, biologists, and project designers. The second was an animated video of the benefits of large woody debris. Arianne shared both videos with the Board. Following the videos, the Board asked specific questions about the project and gave kudos on a job well done.

5. NRCS REPORT

Drew Mather shared that due to health concerns, Kay-Joy Barge will be retiring from NRCS at the end of the year; stay tuned for details regarding a retirement party. Rich Casale will be hired to help with fire recovery efforts relating to the Dixie and Caldor fires, as well as, to help with further recovery efforts from the CZU



Lightning Complex Fire from last year. Drew continues to work in the office; he has been doing site visits and interfacing with Sacha, Dan and Erin. NRCS staff have been working to get projects contracted.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board reviewed the consent agenda item which included the August Minutes. Robert Ketley moved approval of the consent agenda item. Kelley Bell seconded the motion. The vote was by roll call; the ayes included Kelley Bell, Mike Eaton, Robert Ketley, Howard Liebenberg, and John Ricker. Jim McKenna abstained. The motion passed.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1. Consider approval of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Final Budget

Tangi Chapman shared the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Final Budget. She explained that the budget before the Board is about \$12,000 higher than the Draft budget the Board adopted in July. The difference is due to funding sources coming online in the interim. She pointed out that of the \$6.5 million budget, \$4.0 million consists of professional services, or pass thru funds to design, consult, and construct projects. The Board noted the diversity in the funding sources, with the bulk of grants coming from the State. After discussion, John Ricker moved approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Final Budget. Robert Ketley seconded the motion. The vote was by roll call; the ayes included Kelley Bell, Mike Eaton, Robert Ketley, Howard Liebenberg, Jim McKenna, and John Ricker. The motion passed unanimously. The Board noted the complexity and detail of the supplemental budget materials.

7.2. Consider approval of an exemption from the informal bid process, as per section 1080.8.3 of the Procurement Policy for consultant Camara Environmental Consulting

Tangi Chapman presented the Board with the memo relating to exemption from the informal bid process to contract with Camara Environmental Consulting. She explained that Ms. Camara's contract consists of Work Programs, and that no single work program funding source surpasses the federal or state threshold for competitive procurement. Additionally, Ms. Camara's expertise is unique due to the specialized skill and experience with handling locally endangered amphibian species. The Board asked questions regarding details of her contract. After discussion, Robert Ketley moved approval of an exemption from the informal bid process for consultant, Camara Environmental Consulting. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. The vote was by roll call; the ayes included Kelley Bell, Mike Eaton, Robert Ketley, Howard Liebenberg, Jim McKenna, and John Ricker. The motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1. Executive Directors Report

Tangi Chapman gave a brief supplemental update to the Executive Directors Report. She informed the Board that the Restoration Team has several Partners in Restoration projects in the implementation phase. The Ag Team is working on field visits to farms requesting Irrigation and Nutrient Management assistance. The Board requested updates and presentation on the Pajaro Valley Managed Aquifer Recharge Projects. Additionally, the Board would like to have some sort of project tour this season.

8.2. Director/Associate Director Reports

John Ricker reported that he has been overrun by Turkeys denuding his hillside. He is concerned about erosion. Other members expressed their concern about the explosion of Turkeys in their neighborhoods as well.



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9. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the RCD Board will be October 13, 2021 at 6:30PM via Zoom. John Ricker moved to adjourn. Mike Eaton seconded the motion. The vote was by roll call; the ayes included Kelley Bell, Mike Eaton, Robert Ketley, Howard Liebenberg, Jim McKenna, and John Ricker. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM.

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Mike Manfre

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