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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 30, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The Special Meeting of the Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Santa Cruz County Board of Directors was called to order at **6:31PM on June 30, 2022,** the meeting was conducted virtually per AB 361 and Executive Order N-35-20 via Zoom, Meeting ID: 708-386-048.

Directors Present:	Kelley Bell
	Robert Ketley
	Howard Liebenberg
	Mike Manfre, Vice President
	Jim McKenna, President
Directors Absent:	Mike Eaton
	John Ricker
Associate Director:	Vasiliki Vasil
RCD Staff Present:	Tangi Chapman, Recorder
	Lisa Lurie, Executive Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM, with a quorum present. Jim McKenna chaired the meeting. Roll was called and connectivity confirmed; Kelley Bell present; Mike Eaton absent; Robert Ketley present; Howard Liebenberg present; Mike Manfre present; Jim McKenna present; John Ricker absent.

2. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

Jim McKenna welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Consider approval of Staff Recommendation Memo to enter a contract for Implementation of the Last Chance Road Forest Health Project

Lisa shared the Staff Recommendation Memo with the Board and gave background on the Last Chance Road Forest Health Project. She explained that staff recommend entering into agreement with Bella Wildfire & Forestry, with caveats. She explained that Bella Wildfire Forestry was the lowest responsible bidder on the project with a bid of approximately $615,000, which exceeded the budgeted cost by 33%. Therefore, staff recommend that if the additional funding could be secured, that the District enter a contract with Bella Wildfire & Forestry for either the full amount or a negotiated 10% reduction in the bid amount. Additionally, if we cannot secure the funding then the memo requests that the Board allow the bid to be rescoped and sent out to bid again with a 15 day advertisement instead of the 30 days. The Board asked questions about the bid process and how many bids were received. Lisa told the Board that there were three bids received, one was unresponsive, the responsive bidders were Belle Wildfire & Forestry and Davey Tree; the bid from Davey Tree was over $1 million. After discussion, Mike Manfre moved to accept the staff Recommendation Memo to enter a contract for implementation of the Last Chance Road Forest

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Health Project. Robert Ketley seconded the motion. The vote was by roll call vote; the ayes included Kelley Bell, Robert Ketley, Howard Liebenberg, Mike Manfre, and Jim McKenna. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2. Consider approval of Resolution 2022-12 to enter into Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Scott Creek Coastal Resiliency Project: Climate Change Technical Studies and Planning

Lisa reviewed the Resolution 2022-12 to enter into agreement with the DFW for the Scott Creek Coastal Resiliency Project: Climate Change Technical Studies Planning grant. She explained that the notice of award was just sent and since the Board was not meeting in July and the resolution requirement was time sensitive, it was added to the Special Meeting agenda. The grant is Proposition 1 funding for $409,133 to define alternatives for bridge designs with additional studies to evaluate climate change and sea level rise impact to the various proposed designs. A consultant will be hired to do the bulk of the work and the Technical Advisory Committee will develop the scope of work. We expect to receive the contract by September or October with the study to be completed within a year to 18 months. Kelley Bell moved to approve Resolution 2022-12 to accept the contract award with CDFW for the Scott Creek Coastal Resiliency Project. Howard Liebenberg seconded the motion. The vote was by roll call vote; the ayes included Kelley Bell, Robert Ketley, Howard Liebenberg, Mike Manfre, and Jim McKenna. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the RCD Board will be August 10, 2022, at 6:30PM via Zoom. Howard Liebenberg moved to adjourn. Mike Manfre seconded the motion. The vote was by roll call vote; the ayes included Kelley Bell, Robert Ketley, Howard Liebenberg, Mike Manfre, and Jim McKenna. The meeting was adjourned.

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