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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE RCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 1:15 pm

RCDGSDC Offices: 11769 Waterhill Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Don Butz, Marilyn Huntamer, Jim Thompson, Jordan Gascon
Alexander Balkin

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kurt Streule, Nadine Scott,

VACANCIES: None

ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cody Petterson, Julia Richards

ASSOC. DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jo MacKenzie, DK Nasland

OTHERS PRESENT: Raul Alvarado, NRCS; Mike Mears, Wilson Hadley King & Co. LLP;
Sheryl Landrum, RCD ED; Chris Foran, RCD Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS:

The Board meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B) :

Motion/second (Huntamer/Thompson) to add agenda Item 7-5 to discuss/approve moving the RCD Board Meeting before the RCF meeting, to begin at 1:00 pm. Passed unanimously: Butz, Gascon, Balkin. Absent: Streule, Scott.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4-1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2018.

4-2 Note and file monthly Treasurer’s Reports May 2018.

4-3 Approve monthly expenses for June 2018.

Motion/second (Thompson/Huntamer) to approve Consent Calendar. Passed unanimously: Butz, Thompson, Huntamer, Gascon, and Balkin. Absent: Streule, Scott.

5. STAFF AND OTHER REPORTS

5-1 Executive Director – Sheryl Landrum (see attached report).

5-2 Grant Status Spreadsheet.

5-3 Auditors Report—Mike Mears (see attached report). Mears reported that once again our audit was “unqualified” which is the highest ranking and that our net position improved by 99k.

6. OTHER AGENCY, DIRECTOR, ASSOC DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE, AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS

6-1 **CARCD Report** – Butz discussed discussion topics at the November Conference, including: adding three positions on the general board that represent DMs, the Point Blue issue, and the relationship with CA Dept. of Conservation. He also reported that he had a good meeting with NRCS management.

6-2 **Director/Assoc. Director/and Other Activity Reports** –

Huntamer announced that she is going to rejoin the Planning Group.

Richards discussed Prop 3 and Prop 68. Also, she is working on a Gap Analysis on the proposed trail to connect OB to Julian, through the El Monte Valley. She would like to share that report at the next board meeting.

Gascon reported that he is running for the local Planning Board in Pine Valley.

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Balkin said he would like to see the Board vote on taking the RCD budget from preliminary to final. Butz said to agendize that for the August Board meeting.

Petterson asked about the degree to which the RCD can participate in the political process. Butz said there is a difference what can be done as a “district” vs. as an individual “board member.” He suggested we have Conservation Strategy Group come in and educate the board on the distinctions, which would be a good board development item.

- 6-3 NRCS Report** – Raul Alvarado discussed how understaffed the Escondido NRCS office is. They only have three staff members, but have a larger workload than other NRCS office in Southern CA.

7. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7-1 2017 Audit Report:** Discuss/approve 2017 Audit Report. Motion/second (Huntamer/Thompson) to approve the 2017 RCD Audit Report. Passed unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Thompson, Gascon, and Balkin. Absent: Streule, Scott.
- 7-2 SDRMA Worker’s Comp Insurance for Board Members:** Discuss/approve covering the Board of Directors under the RCD’s worker’s compensation policy. Motion/second (Huntamer/Balkin) to approve. Passed unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Gascon, Thompson, and Balkin. Absent: Streule, Scott.
- 7-3 Overview of CDFA Healthy Soils Grant:** Reviewed Job description and budget for Gardener position included in the CDFA Healthy Soils grant.
- 7-4 Discussion of the Relationship/Communication between Board and Staff:** The Board discussed the relationship and communications between Board members and staff members during the meeting. There was no action taken by the Board.
- 7-5 Move start time of RCD/RCF Meetings:** Discussed moving the RCD Board Meeting to 1:00 pm, followed by the RCF Meeting. Also discussed that as the district headquarters, the majority of RCD Board Meetings should be held at the RCD offices Lakeside. There was unanimous consensus for both of these items.

8. Closed Session Pursuant to Calif. Government Code §54956.9D of the Brown Act: Potential Litigation

- 9. Report of Closed Session Action Pursuant to Calif. Government Code §54956.9 of the Brown Act: Potential Litigation.** Landrum was directed to take the appropriate legal action to protect the RCD from boundary encroachment.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. ADJOURNMENT & AGENDA SETTING

Motion to adjourn 3:12 (Thompson/Huntamer) Passed unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Thompson, Gascon, and Balkin. Scott and Streule absent.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheryl Landrum