**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 11:30AM

11769 Waterhill Road, Lakeside CA 92040

Link for remote participants: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81397447518>

meeting ID: 813 9744 7518

**DIRECTORS Present:** Don Butz, Neil Meyer, Marilyn Huntamer, Diane Moss, Maggie Sleeper, Odette Gonzalez

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Mike McGrath

**VACANCIES:** None

**ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** None

**ASSOC. DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Jo MacKenzie

**OTHER PRESENT:** Ann Baldridge,Joel Kramer, Joanne Sauerman, Steve Boehmer (Legal Counsel),

Lani Lutar, Heather Marlow, Celine Morales, Chris Kelley, Ellie Honan; Online: Elizabeth Garcia

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Since time immemorial, the San Diego County region has been the home of the Kumeyaay, Luiseño, Cahuilla, and Cupeño Native people. We acknowledge that people have come before us and lived with care and respect on these lands. We recognize that we are now on the lands of these indigenous people who are still here and will always be. We honor the Indigenous people living today as well as their ancestors, and we deeply respect their resilience and connection to the land.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, introduction**- **Call to order 11:32pm**

Executive Director requests to do introductions – New hire Ellie Honan as Farm Conservation Advisor. Introductions done after item #2.

**2. Additions/CHANGES to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (b))**

No Additions or changes motioned to accept as presented

**Motion (Meyer/Moss) Accepted unanimously, Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Gonzalez, Moss, Sleeper; Absent: McGrath**

**3. Public Comment**

Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).

**No public comments in person or online -Staff asked to step out for Closed session**

4.  **CLOSED SESSION- Back in session 12:57**

**4-1** REALPROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiator for RCD: Ann Baldridge. Real property: 5520 Sunset Ave, San Diego CA 92154. Negotiator for County of San Diego: Johanna Contreras

**Reportable action- The RCD will end its lease of Wild Willow Farm due to economic reasons – Advised by Legal Counsel Steve Boehmer.**

**Motion (Huntamer/Meyer) revise address to 2550 Sunset Ave; RCD to vacate by 6-30-2025 passed unanimously Buz, Huntamer, Meyer, Gonzalez, Moss, Sleeper; Absent: McGrath**

**4-2** REALPROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiator for RCD: Ann Baldridge. Real property: 2100 Hollister Ave, San Diego CA 92154. Negotiator for County of San Diego: Johanna Contreras

**No Reportable action – Advised by Legal Counsel Steve Boehmer**

The above matters described on the agenda may be held in closed session in a conference with counsel under the provisions of Government Code Section stated above. If closed sessions are held, a report of actions subject to disclosure will be made

by the District’s Counsel upon return to open session respectively.

**5. Consent Calendar**

**5-1** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2025

**5-2** Note and file monthly Treasurer’s Reports for December 2024

**5**-**3** Approve monthly expenses for January 2025

**Motion (Sleeper/Moss) approved consent calendar unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Gonzalez, Moss, Sleeper; Absent: McGrath**

**6.** **BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**6-1** Discuss/Approve:Wild Willow Farm lease.

**This item was addressed in closed session. Board gave the Executive Director direction to report back to staff.**

**6-2** Discuss/Approve: Review and selection of bids for RCD Strategic Plan update

**Motion (Sleeper/Moss) to approve Consultant Participation by Design, approved unanimously: Butz,**

**Huntamer, Meyer, Gonzalez, Moss, Sleeper; Absent: McGrath**

**6-3** Discuss/Approve: Selection of RCD Conservation Scholarship Committee

**Motion (Sleeper/Meyer) Committee selected Gonzalez, Meyer, McGrath/back up Moss, approved**

**Unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Gonzalez, Sleeper; Absent: McGrath**

**7. Staff and other Reports**

**7-1** Executive Director’s Staff Report (attached) Spoke on current Federal freeze on some Grants

**7-2** Grant Status Spreadsheets (attached)

**8. Other Agency, DIRECTOR, ASSOC Director, committee, and Association Reports**

**8-1** CARCD Report -Revamping By-Laws

**8-2** Director/Assoc. Director and Other Activity or Committee Reports – Director Sleeper and Director Gonzalez provided updates

**8-3** NRCS Report – District Conservationist Celine Morales provided a report.

**9. AGENDA SETTING – None**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Sauerman, Board Clerk