JULY 2012—REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 8/23/2012

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, July 26, 2012, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Directors Present: P. Binsacca, R. King, M. Dufllock, J. Devers, B. Jefferson, L. Ferrasci
Directors Absent: T. Roberts (Associate)
Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), J. Rawitzer
Recorder: P. Robins

Time Agenda Topics Presented by

10:20 A.M. Call to Order P. Binsacca
Comments from the public

J. Rawitzer introduced himself as representing the San Benito range group and interested in RCD input for incorporating fire management work into a more comprehensive watershed management approach to enhance likelihood of funding and to provide broader benefits of any funded work.

President's and Directors' Comments P. Binsacca / Directors
None.

Minutes for June 2012 Meeting (Review for Approval) P. Robins/Directors
Minutes from the June 21, 2012 Meeting were presented and reviewed. R. King moved to approve the June 2012 meeting minutes as submitted; J. Devers seconded the motion; the motion was approved by 6-0 vote.

NRCS Update

P. Robins gave a brief update on behalf of R. LaFleur:

- He shared a printout summarizing the status of new and current contracts and announcing the arrival of the new Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations, Kay Joy, on July 30.
- The RCD and NRCS need to arrange for this year’s Local Workgroup meeting. Board members requested that it be held the same day as the September RCD Board Meeting.

Budget and Finances (Review & Approval) P. Robins/Directors

Monthly Financial Statements and Bills: P. Robins presented financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending July 26, 2012. The accrual account balance on July 26 stood at $173,041.94, with $64,237.00 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), $9,776.35 in liabilities, and $118,581.29 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at $178,468.99 on June 21, 2012.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in July including bi-weekly salary through July 15, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of July. Approval for the July financial statements and for July expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by B. Jefferson, seconded by R. King and passed by a 6-0 vote.
Program Updates

P. Robins provided the following updates:

- An overview of the timeline for work under the newly-funded Big Sur Watershed Management Planning process that will run through spring 2014. Directors encouraged Mr. Robins to make sure the USFS Forest Management Plan and Forest Fire Management Plans for the Los Padres National Forest were taken into consideration during the watershed planning process.

- An overview of the draft *Carmel River Watershed Stewardship Manual*, which is out for peer review. Directors were impressed with the document and discussed considering its value for other parts of the Central Coast region as well.

- A description of the first three irrigation efficiency evaluations conducted this summer under NRCS funding. Directors requested copies of a flier announcing availability of the service.

- A brief slideshow presentation regarding the design and permitting status of IWRP-funded projects on Santa Rita Creek and Post Creek.

New Business

P. Robins informed board members that the Greater Monterey County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) is in public review and will be up for final approval by all of the members of the Regional Water Management Group in the fall. He had reviewed the draft plan thoroughly and informed board members that he considered it a good document worthy of RCD support and that he would share information about any changes resulting from the public review process at upcoming meetings prior to introducing a resolution to the board for their consideration.

Closed Session

Board members conferred regarding the Annual Performance Evaluation for the RCD Executive Director

Report from Closed Session

The board presented P. Robins with an ‘outstanding’ review. R King moved to approve a 5% increase in salary in accordance with such a review under RCDMC policy. L. Ferrasci seconded the motion, which was carried by 6-0 vote.

12:30 P.M. Meeting Adjourned

P. Binsacca

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: August 23, 2012, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Salinas Service Center: 744-A LaGuardia St., Salinas, CA 93905.