



SEPTEMBER 2012– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 12/20/2012

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, September 20, 2012, 2 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

Directors Present: P. Binsacca, M. Duflock, B. Jefferson, J. Devers, L. Ferrasci
Directors Absent: R. King, S. Cobb, T. Roberts (Associate)
Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), D. Iden (RCDMC) R. LaFleur (NRCS), J. Rawitzer
Recorder: P. Robins

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Topics</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
2:00 P.M.	<u>Call to Order</u>	<u>P. Binsacca</u>
	<u>Comments from the public</u>	
	No comments presented	
	<u>President’s and Directors’ Comments</u>	<u>P. Binsacca / Directors</u>
	None.	
	<u>Minutes for Aug 2012 Meeting (Review for Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
	Minutes from the August 23, 2012 Meeting were presented and reviewed. B. Jefferson moved to approve the August 2012 meeting minutes with the addition of ‘S. Cobb’ as an attendee in the ‘Directors Present’ line; L. Ferrasci seconded the motion; final vote on the motion was postponed until the presence of a quorum of those present at the August meeting was available.	
	<u>NRCS Update</u>	<u>R. LaFleur</u>
	R. LaFleur informed the board that signups for the current round of EQIP wrap up on November 16.	
	<u>Budget and Finances (Review & Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
	<i>Monthly Financial Statements and Bills:</i> P. Robins presented financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending September 20, 2012. The accrual account balance on September 20 stood at \$170,944.16, with \$87,259.22 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$7,293.75 in liabilities, and \$90,978.69 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$173,748.90 on August 23, 2012.	
	P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in September including bi-weekly salary through September 9, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of September. Approval for the September financial statements and for September expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by J. Devers, seconded by B. Jefferson and passed by a 5-0 vote.	
	P. Robins informed Board Members of the upcoming annual financial audit to be conducted by Grace and Associates. Board members identified an ad hoc audit committee to consist of R. King, M. Duflock and P. Binsacca, who will meet with the auditor at the onset of the audit on September 26 and review the draft audit report prior to its presentation to the Board in at the November board meeting.	

Program Updates

P. Robins

P. Robins provided the following updates:

- The Big Sur River Watershed Management Planning project is moving forward, and the project Technical Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Group held their first meetings on September 12 and 18, respectively.
- The SpeakOff Competition taking place after the board meeting will feature 5 contestants from two schools: Salinas HS and King City HS. The Land-judging competition is still tentatively scheduled for October 11.
- He met with County staff and the CALFIRE fuel load mitigation officer for Monterey County and others to be updated on their progress on September 6.
- County staff have requested the RCD’s assistance in generating a set of non-regulatory runoff and erosion control guidelines for hoophouse installations in Monterey County. The RCD would develop recommendations based on guidance from a panel of berry and vegetable growers, resource managers, and County staff. Work is to be completed before hoophouses generally go up in the early spring 2013.

New Business

Directors/D. Iden

RCD Board and staff discussed next steps for preparing an April barbeque/dinner event. D. Iden will follow up with board members on progress at future meetings.

P. Robins informed the board that the time-sensitivity of the Big Sur Land Trust Odello Parcel easement has relaxed, so no activity is expected regarding this matter for several months.

P. Robins informed the board that he is exploring possibilities of collaboration with the Elkhorn Slough Foundation in order to assist the Elkhorn Slough Preserve with their ag parcels management.

Closing Discussion

Directors

Recommended agenda items for the October meeting include:

- Follow-up on Elkhorn Slough Reserve discussion
- Resolutions for CARCD Annual Conference

3:15 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

P. Binsacca

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **October 18, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**

Location: **RCD Office: 744-A LaGuardia Street, Salinas, CA 93905**