MARCH 2013—REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 04/17/2013

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, March 21, 2013, 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

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

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<td>Call to Order</td>
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<td>J. Rawitzer addressed the Board regarding the need for a project coordinator or fuel management specialist dedicated to watershed-based landscape-scale projects. He would like to see such a position housed within the RCD. Currently, CalFIRE personnel cover the responsibilities of the desired position, but do not have enough time available to take on new projects to extent desired by members of the community.</td>
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President’s and Directors’ Comments
None.

Minutes for Feb 2013 Meeting (Review for Approval) P. Robins/Directors
Minutes from the February 21, 2013 Meeting were presented and reviewed. B. Jefferson moved to approve the February 2013 meeting minutes; L. Ferrasci seconded the motion; all voted to approve.

NRCS Update
R. LaFleur commented that the Salinas office is working hard to process EQIP applications in time for their April 12 deadline. He also noted that Kay Joy-Barge, the NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations, is working to reinitiate high-level inter-agency discussions regarding the America's Great Outdoors Initiative for the Monterey Bay region.

Budget and Finances (Review & Approval) P. Robins/Directors
Monthly Financial Statements and Bills: P. Robins presented the financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending March 21, 2013. The accrual account balance on March 21 stood at $160,406.19, with $63,055.87 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), $31,641 in liabilities, and $128,991.18 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at $161,832.07 on February 21, 2013.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in March including bi-weekly salary through March 10, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of March. Approval for the March financial statements and for March expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by S. Cobb, seconded by L. Ferrasci and passed by a 4-0 vote.

Program Updates P. Robins
P. Robins provided the following brief updates:
- Four grant proposals were being submitted in March for funding from CDFA and CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife and the CA Dept of Water Resources
• The Proposition 84-funded Irrigation and Nutrient Management Program contract has been approved between the Regional Water Quality Control Board and Coastal Conservation and Research, Inc., and the RCD, UC Cooperative Extension, and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation were developing their subcontracts to work cooperatively on the program to last three years.
• CARCD convened an RCD Leadership Summit on March 20 to discuss new initiatives for RCD funding and capacity-building state-wide. Robins participated via phone and intends to be actively involved.

New Business
Board members discussed preparations for the April 17 Barbeque and worked through details regarding food preparations.

Directors

Closing Discussion
Board members requested that the April board meeting to be held in conjunction with the April 17 event be brief and focused purely on basic RCD business functions.

Directors

12:00 P.M. Meeting Adjourned

P. Binsacca

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:
Date: April 17, 2013, 4:30 P.M.
Location: Paraiso Vineyards, 38060 Paraiso Springs Rd., Soledad, CA