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**NOVEMBER 2014– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 12/18/2014**

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, November 20, 2014, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Directors Present: B. Jefferson, R. King, M. Duflock, L. Ferrasci, E. Paddock, B. Plemmons  
Directors Absent: J. Devers, P. Binsacca (Associate)  
Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), J. Warner (NRCS)  
Recorder: P. Robins

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Topics</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
10:10 A.M.	<u>Call to Order</u>	<u>B. Jefferson</u>
	<u>Comments from the public</u>	
	None.	
	<u>President’s and Directors’ Comments</u>	<u>Directors</u>
	None.	
	<u>Minutes for September Meeting (Review for Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
	Minutes from the September 25, 2014 Meeting were presented and reviewed. R. King moved to approve the September 2014 meeting minutes; B. Plemmons seconded the motion for approval of the minutes; A 6-0 vote of directors approved the motion.	
	<u>NRCS Update</u>	<u>J. Warner</u>
	J. Warner told Directors that new payment rates for cost share programs have been released. Information on new 'funding pools' for EQIP is still pending, but the regional funding pools for Monterey County include Confined Animal Feeding Operations, Cropland, Forestland, Rangeland and Water Conservation. Warner also provided information on the USFWS Partners Program and a pictorial overview of recent practice installations in the county.	
	<u>Budget and Finances (Review &amp; Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
	<i>Monthly Financial Statements and Bills:</i> P. Robins presented the financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending November 20, 2014. The accrual account balance on November 20 was \$ 178,759.60, with \$29,142.17 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$149,847 in liabilities, and \$299,464.14 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$ 152,970.48 on September 25, 2014.	
	P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in October and November including bi-weekly salary through November 16, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of October and November. Approval for the November financial statements and for October and November expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by M. Duflock, seconded by R. King and passed by a 6-0 vote.	
	<u>New Business</u>	<u>Directors</u>
	<u>CARCD Conference</u>	
	E. Paddock debriefed board members regarding the CARCD Annual Conference for which she served as RCDMC delegate on November 12-15. She was impressed with the positive tone of the conference and the quality of information available. She completed her ethics training on the first day and participated in the Central Coast RCDs Area Meeting that evening, which	

included discussion of 'Area' support for CARCD advocacy in Sacramento. The two other RCD areas, Bay Delta and Shasta, both pledged \$5,000 and \$2,000, respectively, but the Central Coast Area only had ~\$2,000 in its account and had not planned to consider such an action, but this raised the question of the need or potential for increasing dues for the Central Coast area so that the group could take such actions in the future as well as hold more engaging semi-annual meetings.

Paddock participated in the Business Meeting at the end of the conference, when the CARCD Resolution 2014-01 passed regarding establishment of RCD Standards of Function along with two other more region-specific resolutions. Ideas from the conference that she thought could be helpful for RCDMC included: 1) the development of a 'tagline' as part of RCDMC outreach or marketing, 2) partnership with a local landtrust (or similar conservation-themed organization/s) for fund-raising events, and 3) serving as contractor to the County for running an annual local ag/conservation tour.

*Director Appointments*

Directors briefly considered appointment of new 4-year Terms for M Duflock, E Paddock, and J Devers. B Jefferson moved to approve appointments for all three directors in a single vote. B. Plemmons seconded the motion, which was approved by a 4-0 vote with Directors Duflock and Paddock abstaining.

*RCD Treasurer*

Directors briefly discussed consideration of J. Devers for appointment as RCDMC Treasurer. R. King voted to nominate J Devers as Treasurer. E. Paddock seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Program Updates

P. Robins

P. Robins gave a very brief update on the progress of the Salinas River Arundo Eradication Program and collaboration with the 'River Management Unit' (RMU) Demonstration Projects that started near Gonzales and Chualar in October

Closing Discussion

Directors

Board members briefly discussed logistics for a spring barbecue fundraiser and settled on a potential date of Friday, April 17. Directors Jefferson and King offered to contact a few local wineries as potential venues.

12:10 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

B. Jefferson

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:  
Date: **December 18, 2014, 11 A.M.**  
Location: **To be determined**