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APRIL 2016– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 05/19/2016

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 2016, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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

Comments from the public

None.

<u>President's and Directors' Comments</u>	<u>Directors</u>
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Director Paddock noted that she is serving on the Collaborative Working Committee for the process to develop a Groundwater Management Agency in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and offered to give a presentation about it at the next Regular Meeting.

<u>Minutes for February and March 2016 Meetings (Review for Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
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After reviewing the minutes for the February Regular Meeting and March Special Meeting (no March Regular Meeting due to lack of quorum), Director King moved to approve the February 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Director Paddock seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote. Director Paddock moved to approve the March 22, 2016 Special Meeting minutes. Director King seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

<u>NRCS Update</u>	<u>B. Parsons</u>
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B Parsons noted that there are 75 active NRCS contracts with growers in Monterey County, and 8 newly-obligated/approved contracts, which includes one Forest Management Plan. She noted the ongoing backlog in engineered project designs. Robins commented that Kay Joy-Barge, the ASCFO for our area had promised at a summer board meeting that if the backlog was not resolved by this time that she would meet again with the RCD to strategize an alternative solution such as bringing in an engineering 'strike team' to clear it out. Robins said he would ask her about this before the next board meeting.

<u>Budget and Finances (Review & Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins / Directors</u>
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Monthly Financial Statements and Bills: P. Robins presented the financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending April 21, 2016. The accrual account balance on April 21, 2016 was \$179,550.64 with \$60,391.35 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$58,177 in liabilities, and \$177,336.18 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$172,487.34 on February 19, 2016.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses paid in March and to be paid in April including bi-weekly salary through April 17, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses, and reimbursement

for expenses incurred during the month of March and April. Approval for the April financial statements and for March and April expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by Director Devers, seconded by Director Plemmons and passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business

Directors

- Robins outlined the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process related to the North Monterey County Amphibian Habitat Restoration Project for which RCDMC is the Lead Agency. The only comments received from the Public Comment Period after the Mitigated Negative Declaration was posted for this project came from the State Coastal Commission. These pertained to clarifications regarding parking accommodations for public visitors to the site, specification of protection measures for potential herbicide use for non-native weed control, and consideration of a zoning change for the site to augment development protection for the site's wildlife values. Robins noted that he had solicited responses to these comments from the NMC School District (landowner) and the Central Coast Wetlands Group (project proponent) and that they would be attached to the Notice of Determination for the Mitigated Negative Declaration after it is approved by the RCD Board. Director Devers recommended that there be an agreement with the School District in which they commit to long-term maintenance of the site and recommended consideration that it serve as a mitigation site for other projects as one means of funding a maintenance budget. Director King moved to approve the Notice of Determination for the MND for the North Monterey County Amphibian Habitat Restoration Project. Director Devers seconded the motion. All present voted to approve the motion.
- Robins and Directors briefly discussed the proposal by Solid Ground Consulting for District strategic planning and proposed meetings of the Executive Committee and Finance Committee prior to the next board meeting to preview draft annual budget and work plan that factor in considerations raised during the March planning retreat.
- Robins reminded board members of the Form 700 Submission requirement.
- Directors discussed new board member recruitment to fill the seat left open by Director Duflock's departure. President Jefferson indicated he would conduct outreach with mid- and south-county growers prior to the BBQ.
- Directors Paddock and Jefferson walked fellow Directors through final details of food, ticket sales, auction item donations, and duties for the spring RCD BBQ on April 28.

Program Updates

P. Robins

Robins briefly introduced Emily Zefferman, newly hired to serve as the RCD's Conservation Ecologist. Emily gave a brief self-introduction regarding her work and interests prior to joining the RCD in late March.

Closing Discussion

Directors

Directors set a check-in meeting time prior to the BBQ of April 25. All directors were requested to arrive around 3pm on the day of the BBQ.

12:10 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

B. Jefferson

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **May 19, 10-12pm**

Location: **RCDMC Office, 744-A LaGuardia St., Salinas, CA 93905**