



**MAY 2016– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 06/23/2016**

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, May 19, 2016, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Directors Present: B. Jefferson, R. King, J. Devers, B. Plemmons, L. Ferrasci  
Directors Absent: E. Paddock, 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>
<u>Call to Order</u>		<u>B. Jefferson</u>

Comments from the public

D. Rao updated directors on her activities as UCCE advisor. Three ranches are now participating in tumbleweed control trials. There is a possible ruminant livestock advisor position opening up, for which UC is accepting input regarding demand/need for the position by producers and others. She is participating in the Salinas River Watershed work group, next meeting is June 7 in Paso Robles.

President's and Directors' Comments

Directors

Director King provided an update regarding efforts to develop local slaughterhouse resources. The Niche Meat Producers Association assessed conditions with a survey and determined that the most economically feasible effort locally would be for poultry processing. Local producers are working with assistance from CA Cooperative Development Council and EcoFarm to develop a 'plant in a box' approach, but still need a location. D. Rao noted that UCCE has a new ag economist in Davis that could be a resource.

NRCS Update

B. Parsons

B Parsons noted that there are seven new contracts in place and five in process. Demand for assistance remains higher than what the field office can accommodate. NRCS has two agreements with the RCD for assistance with this work. Robins commented that the RCD just hired a field assistant for Ben that could help, and is in communication with a retired NRCS engineer to also contract for engineering-design work. Parsons commented that NRCS is still unable to step up its engineering staff and relayed information from Kay Joy-Barge regarding that in response to RCD inquiries. NRCS is undergoing an 'administrative transformation' that is causing some confusion as field offices adapt to the changes instituted from higher levels. Parsons requested that the RCD agendaize a Civil Rights update for an upcoming meeting. Robins requested that it be after the turn of the fiscal year, so possibly in July.

Quorum established at 10:45 with arrival of Director Ferrasci.

Minutes for April 2016 Meeting (Review for Approval)

P. Robins/Directors

After reviewing the minutes for the April Regular Meeting, Director Plemmons moved to approve the April 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Director King seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

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 May 19, 2016. The accrual account balance on May 19, 2016 was \$160,785.78 with \$39,119.75 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$2,746 in undeposited cash from the BBQ, \$45,912 in liabilities, and \$164,832.21 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$179,550.64 on April 21, 2016.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in May including bi-weekly salary through May 19, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses, and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of May. Approval for the May financial statements and for May expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by Director Plemmons, seconded by Director King and passed by a unanimous vote.

### New Business

### Directors

- The Board considered Resolution 2016-01 to enter into agreement with CA Wildlife Conservation Board for Proposition 1 Grant funds to support phase 3 of the Salinas River Arundo Eradication Project. Director Jefferson moved to approve the resolution. Director Devers seconded the motion. All voted to approve.
- Robins presented a brief overview of the draft 2016-17 Annual Budget for review, noting prior review and discussion by the Finance Committee. Robins and the Finance committee will finalize the budget for consideration at the June board meeting.
- Robins presented a draft 2016-17 Annual Workplan for initial review, noting prior review and discussion of this and the Annual Performance Review for the Executive Director. Both will be further refined with the Executive Committee in June for consideration at the Regular Meeting, with a Closed Session to accommodate the Performance Review. Board members also discussed timing for Strategic Planning with assistance from a contracted planning facilitator. Preference is for September and October. Robins is to solicit input from potential contractors, including Solid Ground Consulting.
- Directors discussed the lessons learned and outcomes from the Annual BBQ, held on April 28. The event attendance and some details suffered due to lack of adequate planning, but overall the function went well, the auction raised about \$2,000, and the food was delicious. Robins commented that this was a practically unavoidable by-product of shifting BBQ leadership from staff to board members and that development of an annual calendar for board members would help for a smoother event next year.
- Director King commented that she would be starting planning for a fall Harvest Celebration Dinner fairly soon in order to line up a chef and venue to assure adequate time for outreach and coordination.
- Robins informed directors that the Regional Water Management Group for the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay Region had updated its MOU (to which RCDMC is a signatory) to accommodate a new member agency (City of Seaside), remove unnecessary language regarding mutual indemnification, and add language in support of an agreement between Central Coast IRWMP regions to ensure each region gets a fair portion of the funds allocated by the CA IRWM Program for the Central Coast. After brief discussion, Director King moved to approve RCDMC signature on the revised MOU, Director Ferrasci seconded the motion, and all voted to approve.

### Closing Discussion

### Directors

Robins requested that the June Regular Meeting be held on the fourth Thursday of June to accommodate the committee meetings needed to prepare the budget and work plan.

11:55 A.M. Meeting Adjourned

B. Jefferson

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **June 23, 10-12pm**

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