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NOVEMBER 2016– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 12/15/2016
Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Directors Present: R. King, L. Ferrasci, E. Paddock, B. Plemmons
Directors Absent: B. Jefferson, J. Devers, 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>
10:20am	<u>Call to Order</u>	<u>R. King</u>

Comments from the public

None.

President's and Directors' Comments Directors
Director Paddock updated fellow board members regarding the progress of the local Sustainable Groundwater Management Act compliance effort towards developing a Joint Powers Agreement and the currently proposed board structure.

NRCS Update B. Parsons

B. Parsons provide the Board with the attached summary report and reviewed its contents with the board. She also informed the Board that she would be relocating to Jackson, CA for a position there.

Minutes for October 20, 2016 Regular Meeting (Review for Approval) P. Robins/Directors
After reviewing the minutes for the October Regular Meeting, Director Plemmons moved to approve the October 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Director Ferrasci seconded the motion to approve the minutes, 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 November 15, 2016. The accrual account balance on November 15, 2016 was \$191,476.65 with \$26,015.73 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$490,839 in liabilities, and \$656,300.14 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$186,994.86 on October 20, 2016.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in November including bi-weekly salary through October 30, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses, and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of October. Approval for the November financial statements and for November expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by Director Plemmons, seconded by Director Ferrasci and passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business Directors

Robins gave an overview of three new policies that he and the Finance Committee prepared for Board consideration: Financial Policy, Director Reimbursement Policy, and Public Records Request

Policy. These formalize RCD current standard practices that are consistent with current laws and accepted financial management good practices.

Directors reviewed the recommended new policies and discussed each of them briefly. Director Plemmons moved to accept all of the proposed policies as presented. Director Paddock seconded the motion, which all voted to approve.

Program Updates

Robins

Robins presented three online resources for the Board:

- RCD's facebook page with the most recent posts and imagery of activities in the Salinas River Arundo Control and Stream Maintenance Programs;
- The ArcGIS Online application that staff are using to map and report activities and observations in the field; and
- The 'mockup' structure of the RCDMC website that Treetop Web Design is developing with RCD staff, which should be ready in early 2017.

Closing Discussion

Directors.

Directors agreed that **the next Regular RCD meeting will be held on December 15, 11am-1pm at the Jefferson Farms Office**, off Monte Road just north of the Dole Plant in Marina, CA. The meeting will include a potluck and 'White Elephant' gift exchange at noon with staff invited.

12:20 P.M. Meeting Adjourned

R. King



**Monterey Resource Conservation District Meeting
USDA-NRCS Report by Bobette Parsons, District Conservationist
October 2016**

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- 88 Active Contracts on 138,836 AC
- 22 new EQIP Contracts in FY2016
- FY2016 new contract obligation is for \$764,115 (Monterey county conservation)
- New contracts include Rangeland, Confined Animal feeding, Organic farms, Cropland and Forestland

Conservation Planning 2016/2017

- 40 requests for conservation planning assistance, including catastrophic fire recovery.

Partnerships

- An amendment to an existing RCD Cooperative Agreement was approved for an added \$25,000.00 for assistance with bilingual communication (Spanish), irrigation water management, nutrient management and engineering design work through contracts.
- NRCS is working with Monterey County as the sponsor for Emergency Watershed Protection projects in the Soberanes fire area, first Damage Survey Report submitted for funding request.
- BAER team is underway on phase II risk assessments and NRCS is one of the co-operators along with CAL Fire, Monterey County, US Forest Service, NOAA and the Coast property owners Association.
- NRCS has provided conservation technical assistance to all Soberanes fire victims requesting it and has partnered with the CPOA to outreach. Over 70 individual site visits have been conducted in the Carmel and Big Sur River areas including the small coastal watersheds between these rivers.

Outreach Activities

NRCS participated in a public outreach event for emergency communication and risk assessment in the Soberanes fire area. The meeting was held in Big Sur, on October 5th.

There will be a Latino Farmer Conference in Monterey on Tuesday, November 15th Cooperatively Sponsored by NRCS. A table will be used to promote NRCS programs in both Spanish and English.

NRCS will be present at the UC “Knocking Out Noxious Weeds on Rangeland” Workshop on November 16th with information on programs as well as technical reports on weeds and prescribed grazing as a tool to control weeds.

Staff Updates

Mark Moehling has been selected as Area Engineer.

Allison Tokunaga has accepted the entry level Range Con position beginning November 14th.