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## MARCH 2017– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 04/20/2017

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, March 16, 2017, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Directors Present: B. Jefferson, R. King, B. Plemmons, E. Paddock, L. Ferrasci, J. Devers  
Directors Absent:  
Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), M Lindquist (NRCS), B Lipe  
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 King described a meeting she attended regarding agritourism in Sebastopol put on by UC Davis. She inquired if the RCD might consider hosting a similar event in the future.

Directors Devers described meetings she had with J Berkey and K Ekelund regarding their concerns regarding RCD's lack of engagement in post-Soberanes Fire rehab work.

Director Jefferson recalled Jefferson Farms providing contracted dozer services after other fires for rehab.

<u>Minutes for February Meeting (<i>Review for Approval</i>)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
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After reviewing the minutes, Director Devers noted that former Directors Dufflock and Binsacca should be listed as Advisors rather than Associate Directors to be consistent with District Policy. Director Plemmons moved to approve the February 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes with those changes. Director Paddock seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote, with Director Jefferson abstaining due to absence from that meeting.

<u>NRCS Update</u>	<u>M. Lindquist</u>
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Margy Lindquist, the District Conservationist in the Templeton Field Office reported that she is covering DC responsibilities for Monterey County until a replacement District Conservationist is hired and placed in Salinas. She noted that 11 EQIP contracts have been obligated by John Warner, and three new applications are in process. There will be another 'batch' round due by May 26. Regarding the backlog of cooperators interested in NRCS assistance, she indicated that Warner and Takaguwa would get those processed in the coming year. She mentioned that the RCD has a new agreement pending with NRCS for engineering assistance to the Salinas, Capitola, and Half Moon Bay offices. Central Coast Vineyard Team is hosting a Conservation Planning tailgate meeting on March 21 for grape growers needing SIP Certification in order to qualify for Tier 1 status under the Ag Order. B Lipe commented that vegetable growers are looking at the potential for establishing such an arrangement within a future Ag Order.

<u>Budget and Finances (<i>Review &amp; Approval</i>)</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 March 16, 2017. The

accrual account balance on March 16, 2017 was \$186,868.33 with \$35,599.93 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$285,977 in liabilities, and \$437,245.86 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$188,623.48 on February 16, 2017.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in March including bi-weekly salary through March 5, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses, and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of February. Approval for the March financial statements and for February expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by Director King, seconded by Director Devers and passed by a unanimous vote of directors present (6-0).

### New Business

### Directors

Board members considered the application of Bill Lipe to serve as Director of the RCD. After discussion, Director Ferrasci moved to accept his application. Director Devers seconded the motion, and Board Members voted unanimously to accept his application and request Board of Supervisors approval of his appointment.

Robins presented Resolution 2017-02 approving submission of a financial assistance request to the CA Dept of Conservation RCD Assistance Program. After brief discussion, B Plemmons moved to adopt the resolution. Director King seconded the motion. All board members voted to approve the motion.

Directors completed the final half-hour of a Sexual Harassment Prevention Training webinar for Special District Managers and Officers.

Directors discussed plans for the Spring BBQ, approving the ticket price of \$30. Director Paddock discussed duty assignments for the event. B Lipe offered to help with registration. Director Jefferson requested that there be extra assistance with food runners during dinner itself. Lipe and Devers agreed to coordinate on music for the event. RCD Project Administrator Barker will prep auction documents for Director Devers. Director Paddock will prepare a vegetarian lasagna. Director Devers will seek a flower source for table décor. Director King will provide jars as vases. Directors agreed to offer tickets in blocks of 8 for \$200 and to post flyers at stores. They requested staff post the BBQ on local media community calendars. Director Jefferson will contact Swenson and Silacci for possible flower donations. Robins was directed to distribute the announcement through the Farm Bureau and the Grower Shipper Association, and to send the sponsorship letter and BBQ flier to directors via email. Director Paddock agreed to contact Edible Monterey regarding publicity. Robins was also directed to acquire the Alcoholic Beverage Control permit needed for wine-tasting at the event.

12:21 P.M. Meeting Adjourned

B Jefferson

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **April 20, 2017, 10 A.M.**

Location: **RCD Office, 744<sup>a</sup> LaGuardia St, Salinas**