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APRIL 9, 2020– SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES—DRAFT

Special Board Meeting, Thursday, April 9, 2020, 9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

Directors Present: B. Jefferson, J. Gularte, R. King, J. Doud, B. Plemmons, J. Clarke

Directors Absent: B. Lipe

Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), M. Errea (RCDMC), M. Ritter (guest)

Recorders: P. Robins

Location: Because of shelter-in-place orders for the COVID-19 outbreak, the meeting was held by teleconference at <https://www.uberconference.com/rcdmonterey>. Participants also had the option to call in to 831-278-5140.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Topics</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
9:04 A.M.	Call to Order	<u>B. Jefferson</u>

Public Comment: Robins introduced Marissa Ritter, Associate Marketing Director for NatureRipe, who is interested in RCD Board service as an Associate Director and brings marketing skills, a gap noted by the Board during the January RCD planning retreat. Ritter provided additional self-introduction, and Directors thanked her for her interest and participation.

Brief update regarding federal COVID-19 response bills and costs/benefits to RCD

Robins related on-going communication among RCDs and Special Districts statewide regarding elements of the federal stimulus and relief legislation related to the COVID-19 pandemic that are intended to assist personnel without providing a financial means for the RCD to deliver. Robins and many other RCD managers are reaching out to congresspeople and submitting letters requesting consideration of support for Special Districts in future stimulus bills since they were excluded from the bills approved to date. Robins has informed staff of supplemental Paid Sick Leave and Emergency FMLA leave made available by the existing stimulus and relief bills and the efforts RCDs are making to find resources to be able to provide that resource. Errea estimated the potential additional funding needed to provide such supplemental leave if all employees were to require it would be approximately \$50,000.

Discussion and Consideration of Request to County Board of Supervisors for modification of timeline for repayment of FY 2019-20 Dry-Period Loan due to delayed grant payments under statewide COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place order

Robins requested more flexibility in preparing and modifying as needed the letter approved by the RCD Board on April 1, 2020 for leniency for repayment of the Dry Period Loan due to Monterey County on April 27, 2020. Specifically, he requested that the extension term requested be reduced to one month, as well as the option not to submit the letter at all if adequate funds arrive in time from grant receivables. Director King moved to approve the requested changes, and Director Doud seconded the motion. All Directors voted to approve the motion.

9:30 A.M. Meeting Adjourned



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Minutes approved