



**AUGUST 2012– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 09/20/2012**

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, August 23, 2012, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Directors Present: P. Binsacca, R. King, M. Duflock, B. Jefferson, S. Cobb, L. Ferrasci  
Directors Absent: J. Devers, T. Roberts (Associate)  
Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), R. LaFleur (NRCS)  
Recorder: P. Robins

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Topics</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
10:10 A.M.	<u>Call to Order</u>	<u>P. Binsacca</u>
	<u>Comments from the public</u>	
	P. Robins relayed comments from J. Rawitzer regarding interest in the RCD playing a role in supporting county efforts to maintain a 'fuel load mitigation officer' for Monterey County fire safety efforts.	
	<u>President's and Directors' Comments</u>	<u>P. Binsacca / Directors</u>
	None.	
	<u>Minutes for July 2012 Meeting (Review for Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
	Minutes from the July 26, 2012 Meeting were presented and reviewed. B. Jefferson moved to approve the July 2012 meeting minutes as submitted; M. Duflock seconded the motion; the motion was approved by 6-0 vote.	
	<u>NRCS Update</u>	<u>R. LaFleur</u>
	R. LaFleur informed the board that funding availability for EQIP cost share assistance is higher this year than last year, and that a majority of the 'Monterey Bay' funding is being obligated to Monterey County growers because of the relatively higher number of applications submitted in Monterey County relative to neighboring counties. He reviewed the outcome of the America's Great Outdoors Monterey Bay Initiative meeting that was held in July: namely that each of the six Monterey Bay counties are to select a focus watershed in each of their counties for prioritized EQIP support. The first step of this selection process for Monterey County should take place at the upcoming Local Work Group meeting on September 20. Mr. LaFleur and the board chose to set the start time for the LWG to be 12pm, two hours prior to the RCD board meeting scheduled for that date.	
	<u>Budget and Finances (Review &amp; Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
	<i>Monthly Financial Statements and Bills:</i> P. Robins presented financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending August 23, 2012. The accrual account balance on August 23 stood at \$173,748.90, with \$56,898.34.00 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$16,384.11 in liabilities, and \$133,234.67 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$173,041.94 on July 26, 2012.	
	P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in August including bi-weekly salary through August 12, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of August. Approval for the August financial statements and for August expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by S. Cobb, seconded by M. Duflock and passed by a 6-0 vote.	

Program Updates

P. Robins

P. Robins provided the following updates:

- The Livestock and Land program and NRCS will be hosting a workshop in Carmel Valley on Silicosis and Soils in early September.
- The 2012 SpeakOff competition is scheduled for 4pm on September 20, immediately following the Board meeting on that date. So far only one school has indicated that it will be sending contestants.
- The Land-Judging practice competition is still set for October 11, and directors are encouraged to attend.

New Business

Directors

The Board discussed possible timing, venues, structure, funding and food for a renewal of an annual RCD event that would serve as a fund-raiser for RCD youth education activities (such as Range Camp Scholarships and Land-judging), outreach for the RCD and recognition for an 'RCD Cooperator of the Year'. A likely best date would be in early April. Board members agreed to return to the next meeting with further ideas about logistics in preparation for narrowing down choices with Dina Iden, RCD staff, in attendance. D. Iden will serve as the lead staff person for event planning with Board member assistance.

Closing Discussion

Directors

Recommended agenda items for the September meeting include:

- Annual Event planning
- Presentation by Jeremy Burden regarding his 2012 Range Camp experience
- Follow-up on the 'fuel-load mitigation officer' discussion
- Follow-up on BSLT Odello parcel easement

11:50 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

P. Binsacca

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **September 20, 2012, 2:00 P.M.**

Location: **To be determined.**