



JANUARY 2013– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—*apprvd 02/21/2013*

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 2013, 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

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

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Topics</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
10:10 A.M.	<p><u>Call to Order</u></p> <p><u>Comments from the public</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>President’s and Directors’ Comments</u></p> <p>Director Ferrasci described her experience of the Livestock and Land Project Demonstration Sites tour held on Saturday, January 12. P. Binsacca recognized NRCS Soil Conservationist, John Warner, for his hard work, passing along complements he’d received from several landowners in South County.</p> <p><u>Minutes for Dec 2012 Meeting (<i>Review for Approval</i>)</u></p> <p>Minutes from the December 20, 2012 Meeting were presented and reviewed. B. Jefferson moved to approve the December 2012 meeting minutes; M. Duflock seconded the motion; all voted to approve.</p> <p><u>NRCS Update</u></p> <p>R. LaFleur announced the arrival of a new agricultural engineer to the Salinas office: Mark Moehling. He will work closely with Beau Schoch to cover the region’s engineering assistance needs. LaFleur commented that the Salinas office has received 41 applications for EQIP, which will mean that demand is greater than supply, although it is possible more funds will come available from other parts of the state, along with the \$738,000 augmentation associated with the America’s Great Outdoors Monterey Bay initiative. In the new batch of applications are some new types of projects for the region, namely forestry and rangeland burn prescriptions.</p>	<p>P. Binsacca</p> <p>P. Robins/Directors</p>
	<p><u>Budget and Finances (<i>Review & Approval</i>)</u></p> <p><i>Monthly Financial Statements and Bills:</i> P. Robins presented financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending January 17, 2013. The accrual account balance on January 17 stood at \$171,447.47, with \$51,006.18 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$39,066.63 in liabilities, and \$159,507.92 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$168,635.73 on December 20, 2012.</p> <p>P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in January including bi-weekly salary through January 13, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of January. Approval for the January financial statements and for January expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by S. Cobb, seconded by R. King and passed by a 6-0 vote.</p>	<p>P. Robins/Directors</p>

Program Updates

P. Robins

P. Robins provided brief updates on Livestock and Land winter projects progress and future funding needs; IRWMP grant proposals for ag water quality assistance and Salinas River vegetation management; and hillslope farming runoff and erosion site visits and discussions with the County Agriculture Department, berry growers, and their downhill neighbors.

New Business

Directors

- The Board briefly discussed the audit report regarding RCDMC financial records and management for Fiscal Year 2011-12. P Robins related comments from S Darington that the report was well-done, completed on schedule and for a very good price. M. Duflock moved to accept the report as submitted. R. King seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.
- P. Robins walked board members through the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan in preparation for the plan update meeting to be held in February. Robins asked board members to review the plan individually, and said that he would collect and compile their comments before the planning meeting in preparation. Board members present requested that the planning meeting be held immediately after the February Regular Meeting.

Closing Discussion

Directors

Board members set a date for a strategic planning meeting to coincide with the February Regular Meeting on February 21 to create a combined meeting from 10:00am -2:00pm. B. Jefferson confirmed that the Monterey County Farm Bureau meeting room would be available for that time and date.

11:45 A.M.

Meeting Adjourned

P. Binsacca

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **February 21, 2013, 10:00 A.M.**

Location: **Monterey County Farm Bureau, 931 Blanco Circle, Salinas, CA**