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**OCTOBER 2013– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 12/19/2013**

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, October 24, 2013, 10:00 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Directors Present: B. Jefferson, J. Devers, M. Duflock, S. Cobb, L. Ferrasci, R. King  
Directors Absent: P. Binsacca,  
Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), R. LaFleur (NRCS), K. Lowell (NRCS), J. Rawitzer, D. Turner  
Recorder: P. Robins

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Topics</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
10:10 A.M.	<u>Call to Order</u>  <u>Comments from the public</u>  J. Rawitzer and D. Turner reflected their concerns to the RCDMC board regarding county fire preparation planning for farm and ranch lands in Monterey County, with specific mention of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fire agencies appear to be focused on urban areas;</li> <li>• they want entities to coordinate better to adequately support rural/ag area fire projects;</li> <li>• progress with the fuel mitigation officer planning committee; and</li> <li>• the continuing need for a fire project coordinator to focus on rural and ag areas in addition to the fuel mitigation officer.</li> </ul> D. Turner is sharing this information with the Monterey County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, for which he is currently Vice President. He noted his personal frustration with a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) that was initiated in 2009 for lands under his management (with others), but for which there still has been no work completed by CAL FIRE.	P. Binsacca
	<u>President’s and Directors’ Comments</u>  Directors briefly discussed representation of the RCD at the Annual CARCD Conference in Napa in November. R. King and J. Devers will attend, with J. Devers participating in the Saturday business meeting planned for the end of the conference.	
	<u>Minutes for September 2013 Meeting (Review for Approval)</u> Minutes from the September 19, 2013 Meeting were presented and reviewed. S. Cobb moved to approve the August 2013 meeting minutes; R. King seconded the motion; all voted to approve.	P. Robins/Directors
	<u>NRCS Update</u>  R. LaFleur noted that the deadline for 2013 EQIP signups had been set for November 15. K. Lowell presented a nutrient budget worksheet that she has developed with others and requested feedback from board members. She indicated she would share copies of the documents presented by email after the meeting. In addition, she mentioned that the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance had requested NRCS assistance in developing conservation-themed materials for their members. B. Jefferson inquired if the CSWA was limited to organic producers (answer: no) and if the nutrient budget worksheet would be accessible to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (answer: only if the grower chooses to).	
	<u>Budget and Finances (Review &amp; Approval)</u>  <i>Monthly Financial Statements and Bills:</i> P. Robins presented the financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending October 24, 2013. The accrual account balance on October 24 stood at \$150,869.15, with \$38,952.06 in the	P. Robins/Directors

Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$57,606 in liabilities, and \$169,523.58 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$158,087.46 on September 19, 2013.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in October including bi-weekly salary through October 21, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of October. Approval for the October financial statements and for October expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by S. Cobb, seconded by M. Duflock and passed by a 6-0 vote.

New Business

Directors

- Resolution 2013-01 approving participation in the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay IRWMP Regional Water Management Group was considered. J. Devers moved to approved the resolution. R. King seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.
- 2013-14 Annual Work Plan: P. Robins presented the revised draft that included revisions requested at the September 2013 Board Meeting. R. King moved to approve the Plan as revised, and S. Cobb seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Program Updates

P. Robins

P. Robins provided the following brief updates:

- 2013 RCDMC Speak-Off Competition was held on a special date to accommodate the best student participation: Friday, October 18. There were three participants, all from King City High School. The winner, Dania Trujillo, will compete in the Area RCD competition on October 30. All participants received certificates, with the winner receiving a prize of \$50.
- The project team met with the landowners at Riverside Campground on the Big Sur River to discuss design options and limitations on October 15 based on the preliminary hydrological and topographical analysis of the site. The outcome of the meeting was a set of design options for the consulting engineers to flesh out prior to a design review meeting in early December.
- The recently-completed 'Hillslope Farm Runoff Management Practices Guide' will be presented to growers at a meeting hosted by Driscoll's outside of Watsonville on October 25.

Closing Discussion

Directors

Board members discussed participation in the October 30 Central Coast Area RCDs meeting to be held at the Elkhorn Slough Reserve. R. King, J. Devers, and L. Ferrasci indicated that they would attend.

12:00 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

B. Jefferson

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

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

Location: **RCDMC Office, 744-A LaGuardia Street, Salinas, CA**