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SEPTEMBER 2014– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 11/20/2014

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, September 25, 2014, 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Directors Present: B. Jefferson, R. King, L. Ferrasci, E. Paddock, B. Plemmons
Directors Absent: J. Devers, M. Duflock, P. Binsacca (Associate)
Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), R. LaFleur (NRCS), Steve Davis
Recorder: P. Robins

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Topics</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
1:40 P.M.	<u>Call to Order</u>	<u>B. Jefferson</u>
	<u>Comments from the public</u>	
	Steve Davis introduced himself as a retired forester and invited judge for the Speak-Off Competition.	
	<u>President’s and Directors’ Comments</u>	<u>Directors</u>
	None.	
	<u>Minutes for August Meeting (Review for Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
	Minutes from the August 21, 2014 Meeting were presented and reviewed. R. King moved to approve the August 2014 meeting minutes; L. Ferrasci seconded the motion for approval of the minutes; A 5-0 vote of directors approved the motion.	
	<u>NRCS Update</u>	<u>R. LaFleur</u>
	R. LaFleur provided a summary of new Environmental Quality Incentives Program contracts, noting that they had a higher percentage of range and forestry plans than in previous years, although the total value of the contracts for 2014 was much less than in previous years because of changes within NRCS regarding 'funding pools' for EQIP. The total value of contracts was approximately \$600,000, covering over 26,000 acres of land. Directors briefly asked questions about NRCS forestry practices while reviewing the information provided.	
	<u>Budget and Finances (Review & Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</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 September 25, 2014. The accrual account balance on September 25 was \$ 152,970.48, with \$8,015.68 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$25,881 in liabilities, and \$170,835.76 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$ 153,152.50 on August 21, 2014.	
	P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in September including bi-weekly salary through September 21, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of September. Approval for the September financial statements and for September expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by B. Plemmons, seconded by R. King and passed by a 5-0 vote.	
	<u>New Business</u>	<u>Directors</u>
	Directors briefly discussed the need to appoint a new Board President to replace P. Binsacca. R. King nominated B. Jefferson for RCDMC Board President. E. Paddock seconded the motion. After brief discussion, Directors voted 4-0 to approve the motion with B. Jefferson abstaining.	

B. Jefferson noted the resulting gap of Vice President, for which he nominated R. King. E. Paddock seconded that motion. After brief discussion, directors voted 4-0 to approve the motion, with R. King abstaining.

Directors briefly discussed how to fill the position of RCD Treasurer, for which J. Devers was discussed as an appropriate candidate. Because J. Devers was absent, the subject was postponed to a later meeting.

P. Robins asked that directors consider a 'new board member orientation' task for the RCD Executive Committee and the board member 'job description' and statement of commitment modeled after that of the Cache Creek Conservancy.

Board members requested re-circulation of the 'ABCs of RCDMC' acronym chart to assist directors in following the range of acronyms used in RCD meetings and discussions of RCD activities.

P. Robins briefly walked board members through the draft revisions to the RCDMC 2014-15 Annual Budget, to be considered in a subsequent meeting once new grant/work agreements are in place with the Wildlife Conservation Board and other groups.

P. Robins also previewed a draft RCD Brochure and received comments from directors for making it effective as a method of communicating available RCD services.

Program Updates

P. Robins

P. Robins gave an update on the progress of the Salinas River Arundo Eradication Program and collaboration with the 'River Management Unit' (RMU) Demonstration Projects that start near Gonzales and Chualar in October. The RCD Biological Monitoring team had just started conducting pre-work surveys for some of the RMU project sites. Directors recommended coordination with CSUMB for additional surveying assistance if needed.

Closing Discussion

Directors

The next meeting will be held the 3rd Thursday of October.

3:10 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

P. Binsacca

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **October 16, 2014, 10 A.M.**

Location: **RCDMC Office**

THIS MEETING WAS FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL SPEAK OFF COMPETITION. FOUR STUDENTS FROM KING CITY HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATED. CONTESTANTS LAUREN NUNES, ADDIE VILLALOBOS, CAHLEIGH MARTIN, AND AUDREY RODRIGUEZ WERE CONTESTANTS. AUDREY RODRIGUEZ WAS THE WINNER.