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DECEMBER 2015– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 01/21/2015

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, December 17, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Directors Present: B. Jefferson, R. King, J. Devers, B. Plemmons, L. Ferrasci
Directors Absent: E. Paddock, M. Duflock, P. Binsacca (Associate)
Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), D. Rao
Recorders: P. Robins

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Topics</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
	<u>President's and Directors' Comments</u>	<u>Directors</u>

Director King provided an overview of the highlights from the CARCD Conference in Yosemite in November, including an 'in lieu of ' fees project funding program from the Army Corps of Engineers and a presentation regarding management of conservation properties.

Comments from the public

Devii Rao, of UC Cooperative Extension shared with the board members present that she is submitting a grant proposal to study and map mineral deficiencies in cattle throughout the Central Coast. If funded work would begin in spring 2016. She announced that a UC weed scientist is seeking cooperators for a study of Russian thistle and medusahead control comparing herbicide, overseeding, and grazing. Rao now has a website, blog and facebook page.

10:45 A.M. <u>Call to Order</u>	<u>B. Jefferson</u>
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President Jefferson called the meeting to order once a quorum of board members was present.

<u>Minutes for August Meeting (Review for Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
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After reviewing the minutes, Director King moved to approve the November 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Director Devers seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

<u>Budget and Finances (Review & Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins / Directors</u>
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Monthly Financial Statements and Bills: P. Robins presented the financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending December 17, 2015. The accrual account balance on December 17, 2015 was \$185,430.29 with \$35,750.10 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$129,856 in liabilities, and \$279,535.83 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$189,539.47 on November 12, 2015.

Director King noted that after expenses, the Harvest Celebration Dinner netted about \$1,000 for the RCD.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in December including bi-weekly salary through December 13, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses, and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of December. Approval for the December financial statements and for December expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by Director Devers, seconded by Director King and passed by a unanimous vote of directors present (4-0).

New Business

Directors

- Directors briefly discussed the new vacancy on the Board with Director Duflock leaving to take a seat on the County Planning Commission. President Jefferson told the board that she would be contacting Jim Orradre as a possible new recruit for board service.
- Directors also discussed upcoming special events and agreed that the next RCD BBQ should be held in North Monterey County. Two options discussed as potential locations were the Rodeo Grounds (est. \$250) and Elkhorn Slough Preserve headquarters, where the RCD had a few events many years ago. Director King mentioned approaching Hahn Winery for the next Harvest Celebration dinner.

Program Updates

P. Robins

Robins very briefly described the permit documentation preparations for work on the Salinas River in 2016 and the status of Irrigation and Nutrient Management projects that were experiencing weather-related delays until spring 2016.

Closing Discussion

Directors

Directors shared a potluck lunch with guests.

12:30 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

B. Jefferson

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **January 21, 10 A.M.**

Location: **TBA**