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MARCH 2015– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 04/17/2015

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, March 26, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Directors Present: B. Jefferson, M. Duflock, R. King, E. Paddock, B. Plemmons, L. Ferrasci
 Directors Absent: P. Binsacca (Associate), J. Devers
 Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), R. LaFleur (NRCS), D. Rao (UCCE), C. Bye (Monterey Co),
 B. Gomez (CSUMB student)
 Recorder: P. Robins

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Topics</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
10:05 A.M.	<u>Call to Order</u>	<u>B. Jefferson</u>
	<u>Comments from the public</u>	
	D. Rao (UCCE Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor), C. Bye (Aide to Monterey Co Dist 4 Supervisor Parker), B. Gomez (CSUMB student) each introduced themselves to the board. Gomez had just recently learned about the RCD in the context of a class project and wanted to express support and appreciation for the RCD’s work. Bye described her office’s interest in the RCD’s assistance with facilitating development of an ecosystem services report for Monterey County similar to that recently developed in Santa Cruz County (<i>Healthy Lands & Healthy Economies</i>) by RCDSCC and Earth Economics. Rao described her background before recently assuming the UC Advisor role, which included range management work for Pt Reyes and a private rangeland consultant, and work for Gold Ridge RCD. She indicated she would like directors’ input as she develops a needs assessment to guide her research priorities for the region.	
	<u>President’s and Directors’ Comments</u>	<u>Directors</u>
	none.	
	<u>Minutes for February Meeting (Review for Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
	Minutes from the February 19, 2015 Meeting were presented and reviewed. M. Duflock moved to approve the February 2015 meeting minutes with the addition of the time noted for the beginning of the planning session; R. King seconded the motion for approval of the minutes; A 4-0 vote of directors present approved the motion.	
	<u>NRCS Update</u>	<u>R. LaFleur</u>
	R. LaFleur provided an overview of the NRCS/RCD approach and partnership for the guests at the meeting and then shared a summary of current contracts and a summary of practices completed in the current fiscal year. LaFleur and Robins briefly described the proposed Cooperative Agreement under consideration by the Area Office for RCD Engineering and Planning assistance to NRCS as well as the permit coordination meetings and process underway with the County of Monterey.	
	During this discussion, Directors Paddock and Ferrasci joined the meeting.	
	<u>Budget and Finances (Review & Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/M. Grace/ 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 March 27, 2015. The accrual account balance on March 26, 2015 was \$177,328.38, with \$40,023.89 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$51,426 in liabilities, and \$188,328.38 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$ 173,976.57 on February 19, 2015.	
	P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in March including bi-weekly salary through March 22, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses and reimbursement for	

expenses incurred during the month of March. Approval for the March financial statements and for March expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by R. King, seconded by B. Plemmons and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Program Updates

P. Robins

P. Robins apprised board members of grant proposals recently submitted and under development for CDFA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants. Robins also briefly described preparations on the following efforts:

- Blanco Drain water quality treatment wetland
- 2015 Salinas River arundo treatments
- Batched project permitting process with County of Monterey
- Integrated Watershed Restoration Program project list update for 2015-2017

New Business

Directors

Robins reminded board members regarding timely submissions of Form 700's due by April 1.

Robins presented Resolution 2015-01 authorizing entry into agreement with CDFA for verification services to State Water Efficiency Enhancement Program. E. Paddock moved to approve the resolution. B. Plemmons seconded the motion and all voted to approve. Board Secretary M. Duflock signed the approved Resolution 2015-01 as witness.

Directors discussed preparations for the April 17 Barbecue:

L Ferrasci will look into ordering RCDMC hats for recognition

Robins will refine letters for vendor displays and soliciting donations. It was agreed that a single donation level of \$250 would be appropriate this year. Directors discussed the best language for making donations and product displays (and associated donation) more compelling for local industry. Contacts to be made include:

- Paddock: Kuida Ag, T & M, Hortau
- King: Cathy Carlson, Signature Irrigation, Pajaro Valley Irrigation
- Robins: Washburn Grove Management, ACS Habitat, Rob Thompson Wildlands Management, RDO
- Duflock: LA Hearne
- Ferrasci: 101 Livestock, Salinas RMU contractors: Kevin Azevedo, Jim Molinari

B Plemmons indicated he could donate paper plates and napkins for the event

P Robins distributed tickets for board members to sell to others as follows:

- Duflock: ticket #'s 1-10
- Paddock: ticket #'s 11-20
- Jefferson: ticket #'s 21-30
- Plemmons: ticket #'s 31-40
- King: ticket #'s 41-50
- Ferrasci: ticket #'s 51-60

Closing Discussion

Directors

None

12:00 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

B. Jefferson

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **April 17, 2015, 4 P.M.**

Location: **Braga's Barn, Soledad, CA**