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AUGUST 2016– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 9/22/2016

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, August 18, 2016, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Agenda Topics</u> | <u>Presented by</u> |
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| 10:15am | <u>Call to Order</u> | <u>B. Jefferson</u> |

Comments from the public

D. Rao announced upcoming events: a ‘Cowboy Side of California’ workshop on September 7, Low-Stress Livestock Handling on October 23, and a meeting at 101 Livestock on October 12.

President’s and Directors’ Comments

None.

Directors

Minutes for July 2016 Meeting (Review for Approval)

P. Robins/Directors

After reviewing the minutes for the July Regular Meeting. Director Devers moved to approve the July 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes with the correction to delete E Zefferman from those in attendance. Director Paddock seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Budget and Finances (Review & Approval)

P. Robins / Directors

Monthly Financial Statements and Bills: P. Robins presented the financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending August 18, 2016. The accrual account balance on August 18, 2016 was \$165,039.21 with \$45,904.71 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$101,554 in liabilities, and \$220,668.60 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$163,008.90 on July 18, 2016.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in August including bi-weekly salary through August 7, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses, and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of August. Approval for the August financial statements and for August expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by Director Devers, seconded by Director Plemmons and passed by a unanimous vote.

NRCS Update

B. Parsons

B. Parsons updated the Board with the following:

The Salinas NRCS Field Office has met its 2016 deadlines. There will be fewer EQIP submission dates in 2017—likely four. There are 35 requests for assistance outstanding; the backlog remains due to the ongoing NRCS staffing shortage. Roger Tompkins will serve as soil conservationist with time split between three counties starting in September. New Range Conservationist still pending. Dave Robledo, retired NRCS Area Engineer, is assisting through the RCD cooperative agreement. Bobette hopes to be able to utilize a Technical Service Provider (TSP) to help with workload. In relation to the Soberanes Fire, she participated in August 6 public workshop, has received 65 requests for Emergency Watershed Protection site/risk assessments, and hopes to pull in RCD for help through cooperative agreement. Two teams of NRCS conservationists and engineers are assisting from out of area. Director Paddock asked if the RCD could assist in fund-raising for erosion control seeding.

New Business

Directors

- Directors discussed outreach for the fall Speakoff Competition. Director Paddock requested that a flyer be developed for distribution. Director Plemmons offered to communicate with teachers in Salinas. Director Jefferson offered to contact King City teachers. Director Paddock asked if there were alternative activities that the RCD could support that might be more appealing to potential participants.
- Directors discussed potential recruits for the open 7th seat on the Board.
- Directors developed list of potential participants for the Strategic Plan Listening Sessions to be led by Solid Ground Consulting on September 21 for Community Leaders and District Partners.
- Directors participated in 60 minutes of on-line ethics training using individual laptop computers and the California Fair Political Practices Commission's website.

Program Updates

Robins

P Robins briefly noted progress in the Irrigation and Nutrient Management Program and the Salinas River Stream Management and Arundo Control Programs.

Closing Discussion

Directors

Board members requested the next meeting be held September 22, with the Solid Ground Listening Session to follow during the lunch hour.

Director Paddock noted that she would like to host a gathering or meeting at her family's home in Carmel Valley some time.

11:45 A.M. Meeting Adjourned

B. Jefferson

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **September 22, 10-11:30am, with Listening Session 12-1:30pm**

Location: **RCDMC Office, 744-A LaGuardia St., Salinas, CA 93905**