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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

Monday February 25, 2013—6:00 P.M.

Resource Conservation District Office

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MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order by President Dennis Washburn at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors R.C. Brody, David Gottlieb, Nancy Helsley and Steve Rosentsweig in attendance. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Glenn Bailey and Stephen Jewett and RCD staff members Clark Stevens, Executive Officer; John Hendra, Operations Manager; Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist; and Melina Watts, Watershed Coordinator.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** NRCS District Conservationist Dawn Afman; NRCS Soil Scientist Whit Haraguchi, and district landowner Wayne Fishback.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Gottlieb/Ms. Helsley; approved 5-0**
 - **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of January 28, 2012
 - **MONTHLY CLAIMS:** Approval of financials and claims for January 2012
5. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
 - A. Report on threats to native oaks in the Santa Monica Mountains by Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist: Ms. Dagit discussed the gold spotted oak borer (GSOB) and the polyphagous shot hole borer (PSHB), both of which have invaded and killed trees in southern California. Both species are dispersed through movement of firewood. The PSHB poses the bigger threat because it will invade over 200 species of trees of all sizes and ages, and the fungus it carries will kill all native tree species in southern California. Ms. Dagit showed a newly produced video that is part of the education campaign being mounted to stop the spread of both insects. She will keep the Board up to date on prevention efforts and what the RCD can do to help.
 - B. RCD home and biology facilities: Ms. Dagit gave an overview of the current and soon-to-begin Research and Restoration Department projects to illustrate the need for lab, storage and drying facilities. The Board discussed possible locations for short and long-term solutions and assigned various staff and Directors to follow up with the appropriate people.
 - C. Resolution No. 2013-02-01: authorizing application for two Watershed Steward Interns from the Americorps Watershed Stewards Program to assist with southern steelhead trout

and water quality monitoring: the Board approved the resolution. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Gottlieb/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 5-0.**

- D. Resolution No. 2013-02-02: authorizing application for a grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for southern steelhead trout life cycle monitoring in Topanga Creek: the Board approved the resolution. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Gottlieb/Ms. Helsley; approved 5-0.**
- E. Review of draft Santa Monica Mountains Watersheds Plan: the Directors suggested changes and additions to the draft and approved submission of the revised document to the Santa Monica Mountains Watershed Council and stakeholders. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Gottlieb/Mr. Brody; approved 5-0.**

6. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:** Ms. Afman introduced Mr Haraguchi, who gave a brief overview of his education and experience. Ms. Afman also announced that new NRCS State Conservationist Carlos Suarez will be coming for a tour of the local area on June 4 and invited Directors to meet with him.

7. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. Staff Reports for January (written):
 - i. John Hendra, Operations Manager
 - ii. Stephen Vodantis, Education Supervisor
 - iii. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist
 - iv. Jenna Krug, Conservation Biologist

8. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** there were no Director comments.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Gottlieb/Mr. Brody; approved 5-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
John Hendra, Operations Manager

Date: _____

Approved by: _____
Dennis Washburn, President
Board of Directors

Date: _____