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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

Monday April 22, 2013—6:00 P.M.

Resource Conservation District Office

NPS Peter Strauss Ranch: 30000 Mulholland Hwy., Agoura Hills, CA 91301

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order by President Dennis Washburn at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Nancy Helsley and Steve Rosentsweig in attendance. Directors R.C. Brody and David Gottlieb arrived at 6:30 p.m. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Stephen Jewett and RCD staff members Clark Stevens, Executive Officer, and John Hendra, Operations Manager.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** NRCS Soil Scientist Whit Haraguchi.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** there were no public comments.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Moved/Seconded: Ms. Helsley/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 3-0.**
 - **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of February 25, 2013
 - **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of financials and claims for February and March 2013
5. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
 - A. **Update on RCD home and biology facilities search:** Mr. Stevens listed the locations he is pursuing and his progress to date. The Directors added potential new locations and talked about ways to move the process forward.
 - B. **CARCD Area realignment proposal:** Directors discussed the advantages and disadvantages of switching from the South Coast Area to the Central Coast Area within CARCD. The Board voted to move to the Central Coast Area and directed Mr. Washburn, who will attend the Central Coast Area meeting on Wednesday April 24, to petition the Area for inclusion. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Gottlieb/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 5-0.**
 - C. **California Envirothon results and report:** Ms. Helsley reported that one of the two RCDSMM-sponsored teams from Pacific Palisades High School won the state competition and will go to the North American Envirothon to be held in July in Bozeman Montana.
 - D. **Fiscal year 2013-14 budget preparation and disposition of reserves:** Mr. Hendra discussed budget preparation for the coming fiscal year and the options the RCDSMM has for managing its reserves. The Board directed Mr. Hendra to research return rates, security and ease of administration for the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and Bank of the West as potential repositories for reserves.

E. Approval of final payment of \$1250 for Wild and Scenic Film Festival film rights: the Board approved payment of \$1250 to secure rights to films for the Wild and Scenic Film Festival. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Helsley/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 5-0.**

6. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT**: Mr. Haraguchi reported that the Oxnard field office work load has increase greatly due to funding of 40 new EQIP projects in addition to the 70 active EQIP contracts. They are not sure if the open Soil Conservationist position will be filled due to budget cuts. Mr. Washburn offered to discuss local staffing needs with state NRCS personnel when he meets with them this week.

7. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**:

A. Staff Reports for February and March (written):

- i. John Hendra, Operations Manager
- ii. Stephen Vodantis, Education Supervisor
- iii. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist
- iv. Jenna Krug, Conservation Biologist

B. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee

C. South Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council/Regional Area Task Force: Fire Summit May 15, 2013 at the South Coast Air Quality Management District headquarters in Diamond Bar: Mr. Jewett will attend the Fire Summit and Mr. Stevens might be able to attend as well. Mr. Jewett will report back at the next meeting.

8. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Rosentsweig asked about the San Gabriel Mountains Special Resource Study, which Mr. Stevens has been monitoring. Mr. Stevens will talk to one of the participants and report to the Board next meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Gottlieb/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 5-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
John Hendra, Operations Manager

Date: _____

Approved by: _____
Dennis Washburn, President
Board of Directors

Date: _____