



RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OF THE
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

Monday August 26, 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 6:06 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors R.C. Brody, Nancy Helsley (arrived 6:10 pm) and Steve Rosentsweig in attendance. Directors David Gottlieb was absent. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Glenn Bailey and Stephen Jewett, and RCD staff member Clark Stevens, Executive Officer.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dawn Afman, NRCS District Conservationist.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** there was no public comment.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Mr. Brody; approved 3-0.**
 - **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of June 24, 2013
 - **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of financial reports and claims for June and July 2013
5. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
 - A. Approval for the RCDSMM to draft and send a letter to Boeing Corporation discussing the benefits of preserving Santa Susana Field Lab as open space: Mr. Washburn reported that there will be 2 hearings this week by NASA on the property draft EIS on 8/27 and 8/28. Mr. Stevens reported that the RCD will be drafting a comment letter on the draft EIS, which will include benefits of preserving the site as open space.
 - B. Approval of Resolution #2013-08-01: Joint Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, et al., Approving and Accepting the Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenues Resulting from Annexation of Petition No. 5-212 to County Lighting Maintenance District 10032: **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Helsley; approved 4-0.**
6. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:** Ms. Afman reported on the assistance Mr. Washburn was providing to get money from NRCS for acquiring a conservation easement on a farm in the Simi Hills area to preserve it as a teaching farm. Mr. Washburn also discussed his meeting with NRCS State Conservationist Carlos Suarez

to pitch the idea of doing a comprehensive watershed assessment on all the watersheds that feed into the Santa Monica Bay.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Staff Reports for June and July:

- i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer: no report.
- ii. John Hendra, Operations Manager (written)
- iii. Stephen Vodantis, Education Supervisor (written)
- iv. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist (written)
- v. Jenna Krug, Conservation Biologist (written)

B. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee: Mr. Bailey reported on a meeting with Senator Fran Pavley and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the clearing of vegetation in the Wildlife Area. The Steering Committee is working on creating a new wetlands in the area using water from Tillman Treatment Plant, but ACOE is objecting and meetings have been cancelled due to lack of notification. A meeting will be scheduled for September to further discussions on the project. In addition, the new ACOE Colonel has taken over for Colonel Toy. Finally, the Committee is planning to plant a commemorative grove in memory of Jill Swift and Sandy Wohlgemuth in the Basin.

C. California Association of Resource Conservation Districts: Mr. Washburn reported on the CARCD Board meeting he attended two weeks ago.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Bailey reported that the City of LA DWP is beginning a groundwater project where they will pipe water from Tillman to the northeast valley for spreading and infiltration. The Committee's concern is that there are no negative impacts to the wildlife lake and Balboa Lake. The draft scoping document will be available soon.
- Mr. Brody has accepted a position with the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife as the Ecological Reserve Manager for Ballona Wetlands.
- Ms. Helsley attended the Envirothon final in Bozeman Montana. The California team came in 25th place.
- Mr. Jewett reported that he attended the last Resource Conservation and Development Council meeting. They are facing a lawsuit from EMA RCD for documents, but President Scott Murray is not concerned that it will have a lasting affect. Ventura County RCD is withdrawing from the South Coast RC&D. The RC&D has over \$2,000 in its coffers. Finally, the next Fire Summit will focus on invasive plants and they are seeking funding from the University Cooperative Extension.

9. **ADJOURNMENT: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Helsley; approved 4-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
John Hendra, Operations Manager

Date: _____

Approved by: _____
Dennis Washburn, President
Board of Directors

Date: _____