



RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING

**Monday September 23, 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 6:02 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors R.C. Brody, Nancy Helsley (arrived 6:30 pm) and Steve Rosentsweig in attendance. Also in attendance was Associate Director Stephen Jewett, and RCD staff members Clark Stevens, Executive Officer, and John Hendra, Operations Manager.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** John Dietsch, filmmaker and Trout Unlimited member; Ralph Leitzgen, vintner and Topanga resident; Lachlan McLean, clean energy industry employee and Topanga resident.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** each guest introduced themselves and briefly discussed their interest in the work the RCD does.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Mr. Brody; approved 3-0.**
  - **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of August 26, 2013
  - **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of financial reports and claims for August 2013
5. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
  - A. Approval of agreement between the RCDSMM and the North Topanga Canyon Fire Safe Council for RCDSMM to act as Fiscal Sponsor for a grant from the California Fire Safe Council titled Route 27 Evacuation and Safety Enhancement Phase 3 – Neighborhoods (27 EASE Phase 3 Neighborhoods): after a review of the work being done and the financial effects on the RCD, the Board voted to approve the agreement. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 3-0.**

Ms. Helsley entered the meeting.

- B. Approval of fee-for-service agreement with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians for conceptual planning and feasibility study services for the potential tribal acquisition of lands at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory: the Board reviewed the agreement and discussed the project with Mr. Stevens, then approved it as written. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 4-0.**

- C. Selection of representative to attend Local Agency Formation Commission meeting to vote on candidate to fill unexpired term of Alternate Member representing independent special districts on LAFCO: no Director is able to attend the meeting, so no action was taken on this item.
- D. Approval of purchase of 40 binoculars for use by RCDSMM education programs at Malibu Lagoon from donated funds and general funds: the Board reviewed the funding sources and General Fund implications, then approved the purchase. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Mr. Brody; approved 4-0.**
6. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT**: no report
7. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**:
- A. Staff Reports for August:
- i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer (oral): Mr. Stevens updated the Board on the continuing search for a new office and lab facilities. He also noted that the Linkage Implementation Alliance will meet at the RCD office in October and that the Santa Monica Mountains Watershed Coordinator grant from the Department of Conservation will be coming to an end in the next few months.
  - 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 (Assoc. Dir. Glenn Bailey-oral): no report.
- C. California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (President Dennis Washburn-oral): the Board discussed attendance at the CARCD Annual Conference at Napa in November. Mr. Washburn also updated the Board on recent CARCD Board happenings.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- A. Special District Risk Management Authority Special Acknowledgement Award: the Board reviewed the award and acknowledged staff for their safety and vigilance.
9. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**:
- Mr. Jewett reported that the next Resource Conservation & Development Council meeting will be Oct. 21, which he will attend and report back to the Board.
  - Mr. Brody asked staff for information on filling out Form 700 and inquired about the crayfish removal project and grant
  - Ms. Helsley informed the Board that a memorial service for Linda Palmer will be held Sept. 29 from 2-4 p.m. She also noted that planning commissioner Dave Brown is in hospice care.
10. **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: \_\_\_\_\_