



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- R. C. Brody
President
- Steve Rosentsweig
Vice President
- Nancy Helsley
Treasurer
- Beth Burnam
Director
- Mary Ellen Strote
Director

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Clark Stevens

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

Monday January 27, 2014—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 R.C. Brody, David Gottlieb, Nancy Helsley and Steve Rosentsweig in attendance. Newly appointed Directors Beth Burnam and Mary Ellen Strote were also present. Also in attendance were RCD staff members Clark Stevens, Executive Officer, and John Hendra, Operations Manager.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Lachlan McLean, clean energy industry employee and Topanga resident; Dawn Afman, NRCS District Conservationist.
3. **BOARD TRANSITION**
 - A. Oath of office for appointed Directors: Mr. Rosentsweig administered the oath of office to Ms. Burnam, Ms. Helsley and Ms. Strote, who were appointed to the RCDSMM Board of Directors at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors meeting of January 7, 2014
 - B. Appreciation for outgoing Directors: Ms. Helsley presented commemorative plaques to Mr. Washburn and Mr. Gottlieb to thank them for their 27 and 31 years of service, respectively.
 - C. Election of Board officers:
 1. President: Mr. Brody—**Moved/Seconded: Ms. Helsley/Ms. Strote; approved 5-0.**
 2. Vice President: Mr. Rosentsweig—**Moved/Seconded: Ms. Helsley/Mr. Brody; approved 5-0.**
 3. Treasurer: Ms. Helsley—**Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Strote; approved 5-0.**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** there were no public comments.
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Burnam; approved 5-0.**



- **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of November 25, 2013
- **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of financial report and claims for November and December 2013

6. REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. Appointment of Dennis Washburn as Associate Director: **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Helsley; approved 5-0.**
- B. Approval of 2014 Board meeting calendar: the calendar was approved without change. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Strote; approved 5-0.**
- C. 2013-14 mid-year budget revision: the budget was approved as revised. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Strote/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 5-0.**
- D. Selection of RCDSMM representation on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission: the Directors voted to send Mr. Stevens as delegate to the SMBRC, with Mr. Washburn as first alternate and Mr. Brody as second alternate. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Strote; approved 5-0.**
- E. Approval of Resolution #2014-01-01: Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenues Resulting from Annexation of Parcel Map No. 72018 to County Lighting Maintenance District 1687: **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Helsley; approved 5-0.**
- F. Vote for Special District Alternate Representative for the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission: the Board decided to cast the RCDSMM ballot for Melvin Matthews. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Strote/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 5-0.**

7. USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:

Ms. Afman reported that she will be going to the site of the wildfire in Angeles National Forest to assist with recovery. Her office is also in the process of hiring a new staff member to replace Troy Jonas.

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Staff Reports for November and December:
 - i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer (written)
 - 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. Director Glenn Bailey: no report



- C. South Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council: Assoc. Director Stephen Jewett: no report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Paul Williams, President of Inland Empire Resource Conservation District

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Strote noted that the Los Angeles County Local Coastal Plan is being revised and asked if the RCD was submitting comments. Mr. Stevens responded that Senior Conservation Biologist Rosi Dagit is reviewing and drafting a comment letter for the RCD.
- Mr. Washburn reminded the Board that the National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Conference will take place in Anaheim on February 3-6, 2014, and suggested that the RCD contact CARCD President Karen Buhr to offer support.
- Ms. Burnam attended the last Monte Nido Fire Safe Council meeting at which was discussed outreach to horse property owners.
- Ms. Helsley showed the Board a collection of "Scientist Cards" produced by the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area highlighting local scientists, including the RCD's Rosi Dagit.

11. **ADJOURNMENT: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Strote; approved 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. in honor of David Gottlieb and Dennis Washburn for their more than 58 years of combined service to the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains and the environment in general.

Submitted by: _____
John Hendra, Operations Manager

Date: _____

Approved by: _____
R. C. Brody, President
Board of Directors

Date: _____