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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FORTH MEETING

Monday June 23, 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 R.C. Brody at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Beth Burnam, Nancy Helsley, Steve Rosentsweig and Mary Ellen Strote in attendance. Also in attendance was Associate Director Dennis Washburn, and RCD staff members Clark Stevens, Executive Officer, and John Hendra, Operations Manager.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dawn Afman, NRCS District Conservationist; Maryam Arab Hosseini, NRCS Volunteer; and Madeline Voldahl, NRCS Intern.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Burnam; approved 5-0**
 - **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of May 19, 2014
 - **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of financial report and claims for May 2014
5. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
 - A. Approval of General Fund budget for fiscal year 2014-15: after discussion of specific line items and changes from the last fiscal year, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year 2014-15. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Strote; approved 5-0.**
 - B. Approval of lease contract for office space at Wildwood property in Topanga Canyon: the lease was not ready for Board approval, so this item was tabled to a future meeting. In order to expedite lease signing, the Board decided to move the July meeting to Tuesday July 15 instead of Monday July 28.
 - C. Approval of Cooperative Agreement with NRCS for \$30,000 to hire irrigation management specialist to work with landowners on water conservation: the cooperative agreement was not ready, but Ms. Afman discussed the program details and reported that the amount has been raised to \$60,000. The item was tabled for a future meeting.



- D. Approval of Resolution #2014-06-01: Joint Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, the Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains and Other Special Districts Approving and Accepting the Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenues Resulting from Annexation of Parcel Map No. 72018 to County Lighting Maintenance District 1687: Moved/Seconded: Ms. Strote/Ms. Burnam; approved 5-0.
- E. Vote for representative to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors: the Board decided to cast the RCDSMM vote for Sheryl Landrum of the Greater San Diego RCD. Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Strote; approved 5-0.

6. USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:

Ms. Afman introduced the NRCS volunteer and intern who accompanied her to the meeting and discussed how the RCD might use their services. She also reported on the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, a new NRCS program made available in the 2014 Farm Bill. The RCD was encouraged to submit one-page proposals to Ms. Afman for review, with the resource concern(s) addressed, the number of people/acres/species impacted, the money already in hand and the list of partners for any eligible projects.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Staff Reports for May:
 - i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer (oral): Rosi Dagit, Sr. Conservation Biologist, presented results of the Topanga Creek/Beach water quality study funded by Los Angeles County at an event at the Topanga Library. The Liberty Canyon overpass project is moving forward, with funding expected within the next month or so. Finally, the Chumash Land Use Planning project has changed scope somewhat to reflect the changed realities of the clean-up planned for the Santa Susana Field Lab property, but the budget will not change.
 - 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)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. William F. Kruse, Special Counsel to the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission: results of election for Independent Special Districts LAFCO representative



9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Helsley asked if the RCD was presenting at the CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts' Annual Conference. Mr. Stevens said Rosi had put in a proposal for a citizen science presentation and that he submitted a proposal for the Liberty Canyon overpass project. Ms. Helsley noted that the Education Committee of the CARCD and the Envirothon Committee were also planning to present.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Strote; approved 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
John Hendra, Operations Manager

Date: _____

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

Date: _____