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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

Monday September 22, 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 6:06 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Nancy Helsley and Steve Rosentsweig in attendance. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Dennis Washburn and Lachlan McLean, and RCD Executive Officer Clark Stevens.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dawn Afman, NRCS District Conservationist; Maryam Hosseini, NRCS Irrigation Specialist
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0**
 - **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of August 25, 2014
 - **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of financial report and claims for August 2014
5. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
 - A. Approval of contract to lease office space from Gully LLC at the building at 540 S. Topanga Canyon Blvd. in Topanga Canyon: the lease document arrived through email this morning so none of the Directors or staff had time to review it, therefore it was tabled to a future meeting. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0**
 - B. Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 68-9104-4-234 with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the amount of \$60,000 to deliver conservation technical and administrative assistance for irrigation water management: **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0**
6. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:** Ms. Afman reported that this has been a difficult year for NRCS due to the drought and increased federal requirements. On the positive side, the drought spurred the invention of a new sprinkler head that has shown a water savings of 40-50%, which will soon be



installed in many agricultural fields. Dawn was able to obligate \$1.6 million in Ventura County and Catalina Island last fiscal year. The funding this year will be “no-year” funds, which means funding will be available as soon as the BMPs are determined instead of having to wait a year.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Staff Reports for August:

- i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer: primary focus has been 1st phase of Hwy 101 Liberty Canyon Interchange Passage Improvements project, which will provide habitat for wildlife passage under the freeway in the event that the overpass is not approved and/or to make the passage more robust if it is. The Demonstration House and Landscaping project has been funded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s office and will be completed in the next year. We have also started work on the schematics for the Hwy 101 overpass project funded by MRCA. Finally, the Trancas Lagoon restoration project is ongoing. There are some concerns about sediment loads above the lagoon moving down to the beach and the bridge over Trancas Creek needs to be rebuilt.
- ii. John Hendra, Operations Manager (written)
- iii. Stephen Vodantis, Education Supervisor (written)
- iv. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist (written)

B. California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD): annual conference November 12-14, 2014; monthly update: we are making a couple of presentations at the conference.

C. CARCD Central Coast Area: Fall meeting to be held Wednesday November 12 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. at the Annual Conference location

8. DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Washburn announced that there will be a fundraiser at Calamigos Ranch next Tuesday to support mountain lion research in the Santa Monica Mountains.

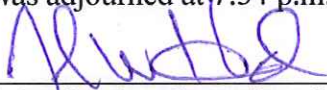
9. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Special District Risk Management Authority: Property/Liability Program President’s Special Acknowledgement Award letter and certificate; recognition of no paid workers compensation claims

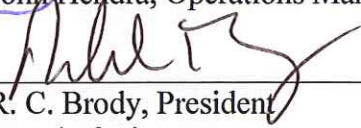
10. CLOSED SESSION: Personnel (Government Code Section 54957)—Executive Officer annual performance evaluation: the Board reported that they conducted the Executive Officer’s performance evaluation and will have a written report for Mr. Stevens’ personnel file.



11. **ADJOURNMENT: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 3-0.**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by: 
John Hendra, Operations Manager

Date: 8/18/15

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

Date: 8/24/15

