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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH MEETING

Monday October 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 R.C. Brody at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Nancy Helsley and Mary Ellen Strote in attendance. Directors Steve Rosentsweig and Beth Burnam were absent. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Dennis Washburn (arrived 7:15 pm) , and RCD Executive Officer Clark Stevens and Operations Manager John Hendra.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ADDITIONS: two Social Program Agreements were forwarded to RCDSMM today from the LA County Board of Supervisors office that require Board authorization and signatures for immediate processing in order to get the funding. The Board voted to add the agreements as Regular Calendar items B and C.
Moved/Seconded: Ms. Strote/Mr. Brody; approved 3-0.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dawn Afman, NRCS District Conservationist; Ralph Leitzgen, Topanga resident and vintner
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - Mr. Leitzgen introduced himself and gave an overview of the assistance he can provide local landowners to install LCP friendly vineyards within the brush clearance zone of their house.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0**
 - **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meetings of September 22 and September 29, 2014
 - **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of financial report and claims for September 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: after discussion of the terms and



costs of the contract, the Board voted to approve the contract. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Strote; approved 3-0**

- B. Approval of Los Angeles County Social Program Agreement Contract No. SPF-03-35 for \$50,000 to support installation of environmentally sustainable BMPs and materials in the new Watershed Center in Topanga Canyon as a demonstration project to educate local homeowners. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Strote; approved 3-0**
- C. Approval of Los Angeles County Social Program Agreement Contract No. SPF-03-33 for \$6,000 to provide 2 years of funding for the continued effort to keep the Turtle Drought Rescue program operating. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0**

6. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:**
Summary of NRCS programs and activities by District Conservationist.

7. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. Staff Reports for September:
- i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer
 - ii. John Hendra, Operations Manager
 - iii. Stephen Vodantis, Education Supervisor
 - iv. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist
- B. California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD): annual conference November 12-14, 2014; monthly update; Conservation Strategies Group Goals for Legislative Session 2014-15
- 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

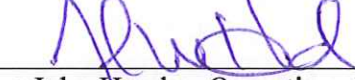
8. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Ms. Helsley attended the Wild & Scenic Film Festival Saturday night and said Melina Watts, Watershed Coordinator and organizer of the festival, gave a great introduction of Senator Fran Pavley. The second festival screening will be November 8.
- Ms. Helsley announced that the RCD plant sale will be Saturday December 6 at the Topanga Ranch Motel on PCH.
- Mr. Washburn announced that the NRCS' final draft of the Rapid Watersheds Assessment for the Santa Monica Mountains is complete. He is looking to schedule a tour for the authors sometime around Dec. 10-12; the Board is welcome to join the tour. He also requested that an agenda item be included on a future Board agenda to set up a committee to determine how to use the report.

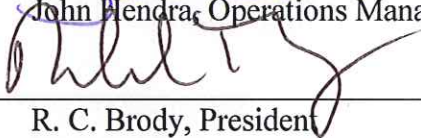


- Ms. Strote asked if she should put out press releases for the plant sale and the RCD move to Topanga. The Directors thought both were a good idea but advised that a press release for the move wait until we know when we will be in the office.

9. **ADJOURNMENT: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Strote; approved 3-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 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

