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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTIETH MEETING

Monday November 24, 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 6:02 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Nancy Helsley and Beth Burnam in attendance. Directors Steve Rosentsweig and Mary Ellen Strote were absent. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Lachlan McLean and Dennis Washburn, and RCD Executive Officer Clark Stevens and Operations Manager John Hendra.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dawn Afman, NRCS District Conservationist; Karen Buhr, CARCD Executive Director (6:15-6:30); Donald W. Wallace, past Associate Director; and Anthony Shafer, fire behavior specialist.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** there was no public comment.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Moved/Seconded: Ms. Helsley/Mr. Brody; approved 3-0**
 - **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meetings of October 27, 2014
 - **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of financial reports and claims for October 2014
5. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
 - A. Approval of Social Program Agreement contract no. SPF-03-37 for \$200,000 to support the Highway 101 Wildlife Crossing project: **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Mr. Brody; approved 3-0**
 - B. Approval of \$5000 to CARCD to support Conservation Strategies Group in their effort to obtain visibility and funding for RCD's across the state: Ms. Buhr gave a brief overview of what CSG is doing for CARCD and in Sacramento, and discussed costs and funding levels from RCDs around the state. After asking questions of Ms. Buhr and discussing the budget, the Board approved the funding. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0**



- C. Approval of final audit for fiscal year 2014: after review of the audit and questions to Mr. Hendra, the Board voted to approve the audit report.
Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Burnam; approved 3-0
- D. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with 11 other agencies to collaborate to enhance fire safety in the Santa Monica Mountains: **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0**
- E. CARCD Annual Conference reports and follow up: Directors and staff who attended the conference reported on sessions they attended and other happenings.

6. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:**
Ms. Afman provided an educational flyer on AB2193, which streamlines the permitting process for restoration projects by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. She also reported on a landslide in the Camarillo Springs burn area and a visit by Carlos Suarez, State Conservationist, on Dec. 10-11 to tour the area of the completed Rapid Watershed Assessment.

7. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

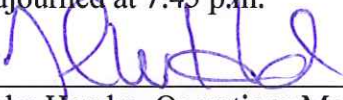
- A. Staff Reports for October:
 - i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer
 - ii. John Hendra, Operations Manager
 - iii. Stephen Vodantis, Education Supervisor
 - iv. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist
- B. California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD): report on annual conference November 12-14, 2014: see item 5E.

8. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

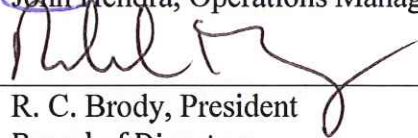
- Mr. Washburn notified the Board of a meeting of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee on Tuesday November 25 to discuss moving the Pierce College Farm operation and Valley Fair to the park. He will attend, as will Associate Director Glenn Bailey, and will report back next meeting.
- After polling Directors about attendance at the December 22 Board meeting, it was determined that a quorum could not be achieved. Thus, the Board voted to move the December Board meeting to Monday December 15 at 6 p.m.
Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0



9. **ADJOURNMENT: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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

