



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND MEETING

Monday February 23, 2015—6:00 P.M.
Resource Conservation District Office
540 S. Topanga Canyon Blvd, Topanga, CA 90290

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order by President R.C. Brody at 6:11 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Beth Burnam, Nancy Helsley, Steve Rosentsweig and Mary Ellen Strote in attendance. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Glenn Bailey, Lachlan McLean and Dennis Washburn (left at 6:45 pm), and RCD Executive Officer Clark Stevens and Operations Manager John Hendra.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Whit Haraguchi, National Resources Conservation Service Soil Conservationist; Don Wallace, past Associate Director
3. **OFFICER ELECTIONS:**
 - President: Mr. Brody was nominated to continue as President. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Helsley; approved 5-0**
 - Vice President: Mr. Rosentsweig was nominated to continue as Vice President. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Strote; approved 5-0**
 - Treasurer: Ms. Helsley was nominated to continue as Treasurer. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Burnam; approved 5-0**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - Glenn Bailey: He is running for the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees. He has long-standing involvement with Pierce College educationally, agriculturally and organizationally. He asked everyone to give him their vote.
 - Dennis Washburn: He is mounting a write-in candidacy for the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees Seat 5. He asked for everyone's vote if they haven't done so already.
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 5-0**
 - **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of December 15, 2014



- MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS: Approval of financial reports and claims for December 2014 and January 2015

6. REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. Resolution 2015-02-01: resolution authorizing application for a grant of up to \$350,000 to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for southern steelhead trout life cycle monitoring in Topanga Creek: Directors inquired about recent southern steelhead trout grants and the status of these grants over the last few years, then approved the grant application. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Mr. Brody; approved 5-0**
- B. Mid year budget revision: the Board reviewed the changes to the budget and approved the revisions. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Burnam; approved 5-0**
- C. Update on new office: the inside renovation is mostly done, with plans for the front of the building and the backyard in process. The Board directed staff to plan for an open house event around Earth Day near the end of April.
- D. Discussion: Board meeting time used for Committee meetings: Ms. Burnam suggested holding Committee meetings immediately after a shortened Board meeting every other month to invigorate the Committees. After discussion about the logistics, the Board directed Ms. Burnam and Mr. Hendra to create a proposal for the Board to discuss and approve.

- ## 7. USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:
- Mr. Haraguchi reported that the local district has consolidated their program funding into the EQIP program. They have also changed the application process from a November deadline to a rolling application with batching and awards every two months. Finally, Dawn and Haejin (Engineer) have been busy working in Camarillo on the Emergency Watershed Protection program to assist the burn areas.

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Staff Reports for December and January:
 - i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer
 - ii. John Hendra, Operations Manager
 - iii. Stephen Vodantis, Education Supervisor
 - iv. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Washburn alerted the Board that there is a campaign to maintain Chesebro Meadow as open space. He left some information put together by supporters of the campaign

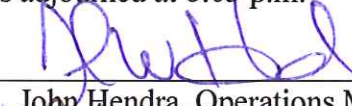


- Ms. Strote notified the Board of the press release on the donation of the Boudreau property. It was picked up by the Acorn and the Topanga Messenger.
- Ms. Burnam reported that the Children's Nature Institute has ceased operations.
- Ms. Helsley reported that the Envirothon has a grant for \$2000 with match from CARCD and the Dept. of Conservation. They have 10-11 teams signed up for the now one-day event on Saturday April 25 that will be held at Stunt Ranch. The event topic is urban forestry.
- Mr. Bailey gave an overview of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee and his participation for the newer Directors. The committee meets at 6:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of every other month on odd-numbered months.

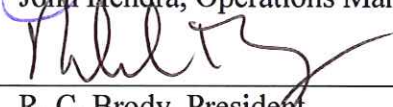
10. CORRESPONDENCE

- Special District Risk Management Authority: notification of nominations for 2015 Board election

11. ADJOURNMENT: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Burnam; approved 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 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

