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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING

Monday April 27, 2015—6:00 P.M.

**Resource Conservation District Office
540 S. Topanga Canyon Blvd, Topanga, CA 90290**

DRAFT 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 Beth Burnam, Steve Rosentsweig and Mary Ellen Strote in attendance. Director Nancy Helsley was absent. Also in attendance were Associate Director Dennis Washburn, Executive Officer Clark Stevens, Senior Conservation Biologist Rosi Dagit and Operations Manager John Hendra.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** NRCS Soil Scientist Emmanuel Gonzalez; John Deitsch
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** there were no public comments.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 4-0**
 - **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of March 23, 2015
 - **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of financial reports and claims for March 2015

The Board discussed and voted to abolishing the consent calendar in order to promote discussion of the financial reports. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Strote/Mr. Brody; approved 4-0**

5. REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. **Staff presentations: overview of RCD projects and programs:** Ms. Dagit and Mr. Hendra reviewed the projects on their lists and answered questions from the Board. The Board discussed the various programs and asked questions about future needs. Ms. Dagit left after giving her report.
- B. **CARCD Vision & Standards:** The Directors discussed how the standards can guide us in producing the next five year strategic plan. Each Director, in addition to Mr. Stevens and Mr. Hendra, is to review the standards before the next meeting to decide which standards the RCD meets and which we want to make sure we incorporate into our planning.



C. Five year plan review: the Board reviewed the five year plan, which will expire June 2015. Each Director, as well as Mr. Stevens and Mr. Hendra, are to review the strategic plan and be ready to discuss the process for producing the next strategic plan.

6. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:**
 Mr. Gonzalez reported that the NRCS funding cycle has changed. There is a lot of money available right now because of new funding requirements and lower adjusted gross incomes. They are doing a lot of outreach right now to the row crop farmers in Ventura County due to the drought and cuts in water delivery.

7. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

A. Staff Reports for March:

- i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer
- ii. John Hendra, Operations Manager
- iii. Stephen Vodantis, Education Supervisor
- iv. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist

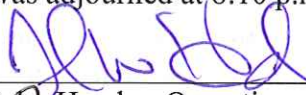
B. California Association of Resource Conservation Districts Central Coast Area: next meeting is May 7, 2015: Mr. Washburn may be able to attend but no other Directors were available. The Board voted to appoint Mr. Washburn as RCDSMM representative to the spring 2015 Area meeting with the authority to vote on issues that come up at the meeting. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Burnam; approved 4-0**

C. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee: no report.

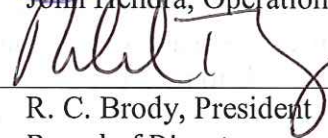
8. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Ms. Strote has been doing a press release each month and asked for ideas for news stories about the RCD for the coming months. Mr. Stevens suggested a news story about the release of the 101 Overpass Project Study Report later next month.

9. **ADJOURNMENT: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 4-0.**
 The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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