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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING

Monday August 24, 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 6:01 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 Glenn Bailey, Executive Officer Clark Stevens and Conservation Biologist Jennifer Mongolo.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dawn Afman, NRCS District Conservationist
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** there were no public comments
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of July 27, 2015. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Burnam; approved 4-0.**
5. **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of financial reports and claims for July 2015. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Burnam; approved 4-0.**
6. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
 - A. Approval of Negotiated Tax Exchange Resolution resulting from annexation of territory to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, located within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County adjacent to the City of Malibu (Annexation 29-3, Local Agency Formation Commission, Designation 2014-06): **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Strote; approved 4-0.**
 - B. Discussion of the Los Angeles County Interim Vineyard Moratorium: Los Angeles County is considering a new Land Use Plan for the north area of the Santa Monica Mountains and is formulating rules for vineyards. Based on previous letters written for the Local Coastal Program, the RCD does not support conversion of habitat to agriculture use. The Board directed staff to write a comment letter supporting this position prior to the September 30 comment deadline. The Executive Officer is to circulate the letter to Board per normal

comment letter procedure, and if needed a subcommittee will be convened to edit and approve.

- C. CARCD Vision & Standards: assess RCDSMM's current strengths and future direction: the Board reviewed the various policies in Tier 1 and directed staff to draft the necessary missing policies or find them in previous Board resolutions.
- D. Five Year Strategic Plan: create and approve process and timeline for completing 2015-2020 strategic plan: tabled to next meeting.

7. USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:

Ms. Afman has been traveling for work quite a bit in the last month. NRCS has finished its funding cycle for 2015. They will now provide funding quarterly, beginning in November. Ms. Afman got \$25,000 to contract for RCD biologists to assist with field work and got more funding for the Irrigation Specialist, which is run through the RCD.

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Staff Reports for July:

- i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer: the overpass PSR will come out soon from MRCA. The RCD submitted a letter regarding the Agoura Hills Equestrian Estates property DEIR and there have been subsequent discussions about mapping of the property and potential purchase.
- ii. John Hendra, Operations Manager
- iii. Stephen Vodantis, Education Supervisor
- iv. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist

- B. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee: report on meeting of Tuesday July 28, 2015 and discussion of meeting on Tuesday August 25, 2015: the Army Corps proposal was a surprise. Most of the Steering Committee like the idea of alternative that included a constructed marshland. The other alternative that is of interest includes expanded riparian habitat along Haskell Creek, but there are issues with this alternative.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: there were no comments.


10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 2016 California Special Districts Association Committee and Expert Feedback Team Participation

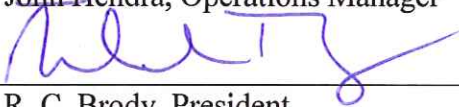
11. ADJOURNMENT: Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Strote; approved 4-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



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Submitted by: 
John Hendra, Operations Manager

Date: 9/28/15

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

Date: 9/28/15

