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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

**Monday October 23, 2017—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 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Beth Burnam, Deborah Klein Lopez and Steve Rosentsweig in attendance. Also in attendance was Executive Officer Clark Stevens.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dawn Afman, NRCS District Conservationist.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** there were no public comments.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meetings of August 28 and October 4, 2017.  
**Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 4-0.**
5. **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of claims for August and September 2017 and review of financial reports through September 30, 2017.  
**Moved/Seconded: Ms. Klein/Ms. Burnam; approved 4-0.**
6. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
  - A. Approval of Resolution # 2017-10-01: Authorizing Submission of a Whale Tail Grant Application to Enhance the Malibu Lagoon Education Program and Provide Field Trips for Underserved Students: Mr. Stevens reported that Education Supervisor Kelly Kazmirchuk requested time to apply for this grant to update the Malibu Lagoon education program. The Board discussed past success for this grant program and Ms. Kazmirchuk's qualifications to write/manage this grant, then approved the resolution. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Lopez; approved 4-0.**
  - B. Organizational Assessment follow-up: review and discussion of Retreat Report and next steps: tabled for next meeting.
  - C. Update: Los Angeles County permittee mitigation planting service: Mr. Stevens reported on the current project and the problems created by the new LIP for development impacts mitigation. He met with Supervisor Kuehl's deputy to



discuss these issues and how best to plan mitigation. This will require things like ecosystem mapping, wildlife mapping and meeting with partners to find optimal mitigation zones.

- D. Selection of RCDSMM Delegate and Alternate to CARCD Annual Board Meeting: no Director is able to stay for the meeting so there won't be RCD representation.

## 7. USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

REPORT: Ms. Afman was doing a detail in the Santa Maria office last month. NRCS Engineer Haejin Lee did a site visit at the Mountains Restoration Trust property that burned in a fire last year. They are having issues with runoff from property higher in the watershed.

## 8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

### A. Staff Reports for August/September:

- i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer: Mr. Stevens had a good meeting with Nicole Englund of Supervisor Kuehl's office to discuss landowner issues, mitigation planning for the LCP and long-term contracts with the County, which she supported. He will meet with the Department of Public Works to discuss their needs. Ms. Englund also mentioned using the RCD to hold County-required easements.

Mr. Stevens discussed potential new RCD office locations should the RCD need to relocate. He has been making contacts with partner agencies for co-location opportunities.

Mr. Stevens reviewed various partner contacts he has had in the last month and he will meet with our partner agencies on Wednesday for the Linkage Implementation Alliance. It is a good opportunity to connect and network with potential sources of projects. Finally, Mr. Stevens updated the Board on the various projects the RCD has in progress.

- ii. John Hendra, Operations Manager  
iii. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Local Agency Formation Commission call for nominations for Special District Representative and Alternate: no nominations were forwarded.
- Special District Risk Management Authority President's Special Acknowledgement Award for Workers' Compensation Program: the Board noted the award.






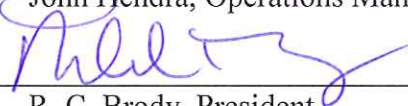
10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Rosentsweig reported that Pierce College is planning to bring back and expand their farm program on campus.
- Ms. Burnam talked about the work she has been doing with the Los Angeles County Cannabis Commission formed by Supervisor Kuehl.
- Ms. Burnam went to the Nature Bridge fundraiser last week and realized how many organizations do environmental education in the mountains. She suggested that there be an alliance of these groups to create synergy and enhance all programs.
- Ms. Lopez and her family participated in an oak tree maintenance day in Lower Topanga with Rosi Dagit, RCD Senior Conservation Biologist.

11. ADJOURNMENT: **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Burnam; approved 4-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by:   
John Hendra, Operations Manager

Date: 3/26/18

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

Date: 3/26/18

