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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

EIGHT-HUNDRED ELEVENTH MEETING
Wednesday September 30, 2020—6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order via Zoom videoconference by President R.C. Brody at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Beth Burnam and Nancy Helsley on the videoconference. Directors Laurie Price and Steve Rosentsweig were absent. Also on the videoconference were Associate Director Dennis Washburn, Executive Officer Clark Stevens and Finance & Operations Officer John Hendra.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Glenn Bailey (past Director, RCD representative to Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee) joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** there were no public comments.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meetings of August 24, 2020: the minutes were approved without changes. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Helsley/Ms. Burnam; approved 3-0.**
5. **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of Claims for August 2020 and review of financial reports through August 31, 2020: after brief review the Board approved the Claims and financials. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0.**
6. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
 - A. Review and approval of CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation Standard Agreement C2041003 for \$20,121.36 for tidewater goby studies: Directors reviewed the project agreement and budget, then voted to approve. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0.**
 - B. Update: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District office space: Mr. Stevens reviewed the floor plan proposal and answered Director questions regarding staff needs and potential for growth. Mr. Washburn suggested a letter of intent to LVMWD. The Board directed staff to write up a letter of intent and circulate it the subcommittee (Ms. Burnam & Ms. Price) for approval.

- C. Ad hoc Boundary Adjustment Committee meeting report: Mr. Stevens reviewed maps showing adjacent districts, habitat linkages to the Santa Monica Mountains, the proposed Rim of the Valley expansion and proposed RCDSMM Sphere of Influence change. The Board discussed the maps and which jurisdictions would need to be contacted to support the proposal. The Board directed Mr. Stevens to finalize the maps and SOI proposal, have the subcommittee review it and then submit it to the LA County Local Agency Formation Commission.
- D. Ad hoc DEI Committee meeting report: Board requested staff to rename the committee to JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion). Mr. Hendra and Mr. Stevens recounted the discussion from the Sept. 24 committee meeting and ways the committee is seeking to increase RCD diversity and outreach. Committee members were given assignments to bring to the next DEI Committee meeting in October.
- E. Report on Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve wildfire and post-fire restoration discussions: Mr. Bailey reported that there was great turnout for a tour of the Basin and burn areas, including the deputy to LA City Mayor Eric Garcetti, Army Corps of Engineers planning staff and ranger, and LA City Parks & Recreation staff, among others. Immediate needs include Haskell Creek bridge repair or replacement and signage and fencing replacement. LA City Council member Nury Martinez introduced motion 20-1205 to create a master plan for the Basin, but one was completed recently by the ACOE with much public input. The SBWASC scheduled a special meeting for October 27th at 6:30 p.m. to focus on fire impacts.

Mr. Stevens reported that he and Education Coordinator Kelly Kazmirchuk toured the Basin two weeks ago. He is concerned that the burned areas will be overrun by mustard and other invasives. NRCS suggested planting a single season annual rye or barley to keep out the invasives until a plan and funding is realized. A restoration plan is needed that takes into account the homeless encampments and includes community services.

- F. Review and possible updating of Board committee assignments: Board reviewed the committee assignments and discussed the function of the Institutional Advancement Committee, but decided not to make any changes to assignments.
- G. Annual review and approval of RCD Investment Policy: Board reviewed the policy and approved it without change. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Brody/Ms. Burnam; approved 3-0.**

7. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT**: there was no NRCS report.

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Staff Reports for August 2020:

- i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer: Mr. Stevens reviewed the new funding and project opportunities in his report.
- ii. John Hendra, Finance & Operations Officer
- iii. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist
- iv. Kelly Kazmirchuk, Education Supervisor

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Burnam reported that the RCD's Sustainable Defensible Space website is now up and is "pretty spectacular." It was a multi-year effort and included the work of a large Technical Advisory Committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Helsley; approved 3-0.**

Submitted by: John W Hendra Date: 12/22/2020
John Hendra, Finance & Operations Officer

Approved by: R.C. Brody Date: 12/22/2020
R. C. Brody, President
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