REGULAR BOARD MEETING
EIGHT-HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING
Monday April 25, 2022—6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order via Zoom videoconference by Vice President Steve Rosentsweig at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Beth Burnam, Nancy Helsley and Laurie Price on the videoconference. Director RC Brody was absent. Also on the videoconference were Associate Directors Deborah Klein Lopez and Dennis Washburn, Executive Officer Clark Stevens, Finance & Operations Officer John Hendra, Senior Conservation Biologist Rosi Dagit (left meeting @ 6:37 pm) and Community Resilience Coordinator Antoine Kunsch (left meeting @ 7:15 pm).

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Glenn Bailey, past Director and RCD representative to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee; Dawn Afman, NRCS District Conservationist; Jamie Quarfield, NRCS Soil Conservationist.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   • Mr. Bailey asked that the Board consider hybrid meetings when they return to in-person meetings.

4. MINUTES: Approval of minutes for meeting of March 28, 2022: the Board reviewed the minutes and approved without change. Moved/Seconded: Ms. Price/Ms. Helsley; approved 4-0.

5. MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS: Approval of Claims for March 2022 and review of financial reports through March 31, 2022: Mr. Hendra reviewed the financial reports and discussed the overall position with 3 months left in the fiscal year. The Board voted to approve the Claims and Financial reports. Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Price; approved 4-0.

6. REGULAR CALENDAR
   A. Approval of Resolution No. 2022-04-01: Proclaiming a local emergency exists, re-ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by executive order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the RCDSMM for the period April 25, 2022 to May 24, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions: Directors
discussed the current health information from the State and LA County and decided to meet remotely next month, then voted to approve the resolution. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Price/Ms. Burnam; approved 4-0.**

B. **Approval of Resolution 2022-04-02: Application by the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains Requesting the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County Of Los Angeles to Initiate Proceedings for Change of Organization of Territory (Annexation of Sphere of Influence):** the Board discussed the process and costs of the annexation, then voted to approve the resolution. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Helsley; approved 4-0.**

C. **Approval of Resolution 2022-04-03: CDFW grant of $352,626 for Southern Steelhead Trout Recovery:** Ms. Dagit described the work to be done with this funding and the process for getting it approved through the CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. The Board lauded Ms. Dagit for her work and voted to approve the resolution. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Price/Ms. Burnam; approved 4-0.**

D. **Review and approval of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District lease agreement and instruction to ad hoc committee on negotiation of final lease:** Mr. Stevens and Ms. Burnam described recent negotiations and hope to have a lease document for the next Board meeting.

E. **Review and approval of the RCD Equity Statement:** the Board reviewed the statement and discussed various parts, then voted to approve the statement without change. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Price/Ms. Helsley; approved 4-0.**

F. **Discussion of RCD work in Ventura County portions of the district:** Mr. Stevens described the negotiations with Ventura County RCD to date and feels the process will benefit from Board involvement. He requested that the Board draft an amicable letter to the Ventura County RCD Board to respect boundaries and negotiate an MOU for joint projects. Mr. Stevens will produce a first draft and pass it along to Ms. Burnam, Ms. Price, Ms. Klein Lopez and Mr. Washburn for editing. The Board directed this ad hoc committee to approve the letter and send to the appropriate officials at VCRCD.

G. **Discussion and approval of support for AB 1902-Division 9 clean up legislation:** the Board reviewed the proposed changes and discussed the potential benefits and negatives, then voted to support the legislation. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Helsley; approved 4-0.**

H. **Discussion of CA Public Records Act requests for contracted documents:** tabled.

I. **Board review and approval of final allocation of surplus funds from 2020-21 fiscal year for pickup truck and moving expenses:** Mr. Rosentsweig reminded Directors that this has been discussed at previous meetings. There was no further discussion and the Board voted to approve the allocation. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Price; approved 4-0.**
8. USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
   REPORT: Ms. Afman expressed gratitude for the work the RCD does. She will retire
   at the end of this week but will still live in the area. The Directors conveyed their
   appreciation for all that Ms. Afman has done for the District and for California
   resources.

9. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:
   A. Staff Reports for March 2022:
      i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer: Mr. Stevens discussed the wildlife
         crossing ground-breaking ceremony. He also reviewed upcoming grant
         opportunities staff are pursuing.
      ii. John Hendra, Finance & Operations Officer
      iii. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist
      iv. Marilyn Brody French, Education Supervisor
      v. Antoine Kunsch, Community Resilience Coordinator

10. DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
    • Mr. Rosentsweig complemented Ms. Klein Lopez, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Brody on
       their representation of the RCD at the wildlife crossing ground-breaking ceremony.
       Ms. Klein Lopez said she was honored and very happy to have been a part of it.
    • Ms. Helsley reported that a team from San Diego won the state Envirothon and will
       go to the national finals in July in Illinois. Carlos Suarez, NRCS State
       Conservationist, and Mr. Brody were judges. Ms. Price thanked Ms. Helsley for
       her work on this important project.
    • Ms. Burnam noted that Mr. Kunsch was a speaker at the Protecting Your City From
       Wildfire conference and she was a panel moderator. She felt it was a good
       conference and well worth the time.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Rosentsweig
    thanked the Directors for their efficiency in getting through the long agenda.
    Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Price; approved 4-0.

Submitted by: [Signature]  Date: 7/26/2022
John Hendra, Finance & Operations Officer

Approved by: [Signature]  Date: 7/26/2022
Steve Rosentsweig, Vice President
Board of Directors