

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 21, 2017
Location: RCD Office**

Directors present: Barbara Kossy, Jim Reynolds, Neal Kramer, TJ Glauthier

Staff present: Julian Carroll, Kellyx Nelson, Dylan Skybrook, Shannon Mann, Jim Howard

Guests: Jose Ramirez, Jim Robins

1 Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM

2 Introduction of Guests and Staff

- Jose Ramirez introduced.

3 Public Comment

- Kellyx Nelson read the following email comments into the record. They were sent by Steve Simms, Pescadero resident, on December 21, 2017:

Good evening Kellyx,

I cannot make tomorrow's meeting. Heading to Tahoe for Christmas.

I would like you to read my comments at your meeting.

I remember coming to a board meeting way back and expressing my concerns about the conditions that existed in the Marsh.

I had started CASE and was ready to file a notice of intent to DPR. You and your board listened. We filed suit and won but lost as agencies would not enforce. You knew the story, believed, and you stepped up and made things happen.

I express my deepest respect and gratitude to you and your team!

Steve Simms

4 Approval of Agenda

- All items from consent agenda were pulled for discussion.
- Reynolds moved to approve the modified agenda after all consent agenda items were discussed. Kramer seconded. Agenda was approved as amended.

5 Consent Agenda

5.1 September 21, 2017 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes

- Kramer requested a change to the minutes to reflect that he had participated in the Tunitas Beach cleanup.

5.2 October 26, 2017 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes

- The order of the agenda items was rearranged to reflect the correct sequence of items addressed.

5.3 Draft Financial Statements 11-30-17

- Glauthier noted that expenses and revenues aligned well, and that though more expenses may come up in the future, finances look healthy for the RCD. Nelson noted that despite the potential for additional expenses to arise, no significant differences are currently anticipated.

5.4 FY17 Year End Financial Statements

- Glauthier was happy to see that the RCD had a better financial position than expected. And commented that it may have been the strongest year the RCD has ever had.

5.5 FY18 First Quarter Budget Review

- Glauthier commented that the finances align well. Nelson identified some loss of revenue for operating expenses due to replacing staff with a contractor as project manager for the Butano Creek reconnection project. Despite this, Glauthier stated that the RCD's financials look healthy and good for the first quarter.

5.6 Media

- Ag Update Newsletter
 - Board commented on and discussed the newsletter.

6 Regular Agenda

6.1 **Presentation and discussion about the Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship Network with Dylan Skybrook, Network Manager.**

- Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship network is a collaboration of 21 different organizations from across the region. All members either own or manage land.
- It is a social impact network, whose purpose is to do good for society, in this case regarding land stewardship.
- Many organizations have different missions, usually focused on managing their own land. It is difficult to make them see issues on a larger scale.
- Community leaders are invited to stewardship courses, where they build relationships based in trust and commonality.
- Trust is important because there are many groups with different land management goals, and those do not often overlap. Having members meet each other has proved very beneficial, since they must cooperate due to a lack of network hierarchy.

6.2 **Discussion and updates regarding the work of RCD and partners in Pescadero**

- There was discussion of the attached list of projects.
- The RCD currently has 3 or 4 Full Time Equivalent staff working in Pescadero.
- There was general discussion about the attached list of projects.
- Reynolds comments that he recently learned that fish were beginning to spawn in Butano Canyon, which shows an increase in the viability of the habitat for fish.

6.3 Board will consider Resolution 2017-5 for Approval to Change name of San Mateo County Resource Conservation District to San Mateo Resource Conservation District.

- Kossy moved to approve. Kramer seconded. Resolution approved unanimously.

6.4 Board will consider authorizing Executive Director to negotiate lease for new office location.

- Glauthier stated that he was happy to be involved in finding a new space that keeps more with RCD goals and values.
- Nelson commented that it doubles the RCD's space, and provides the RCD to function as a community space.
- Kramer moved to approve. Kossy seconded. Resolution approved unanimously.

6.5 Executive Director Report

6.6 Directors' Report

- Reynolds – Happy to hear Steve Simms said that RCD is saving fish. At next board meeting would like to hear more about the CARCD conference.
- Kossy – Weed management Area Committee had a meeting about stinkwort, which is new to the Coastside. 12/20/17 Harbor District meeting voted to create a wildlife stewardship committee.
- Glauthier – Attended Nelson's presentation at PMAC and noted the level of respect and appreciation for the RCD.

7 Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM