

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 16, 2018
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Location: RCD Office

Directors present: Barbara Kossy, TJ Glauthier, Jim Reynolds
RCD staff present: Kellyx Nelson, Lau Hodges
NRCS staff present: Jim Howard

1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

2 Approval Agenda

Agenda was approved unanimously.

3 Introduction of Guests and Staff

No introductions were necessary.

4 Public Comment

No public comment.

5 Consent Agenda

Reynolds clarified that his Director Report from the July 26, 2018 Board Meeting requested a tour of both the Cloverdale pond project as well as the Carpy pond project.

6 Regular Agenda

6.1 Board will consider approval of draft financial statements through July 31, 2018.

- There was discussion about the chart of accounts and public transparency, work being done by the new accountant, the desire to have him attend a Board meeting, the effects of accrual accounting on the financial statements, a \$500K deferred revenue line item, and the fact that accounts payable is now lower than accounts receivable, demonstrating that the RCD is paying vendors in a timely manner.

6.2 Executive Director's Report (attached)

- Glauthier asked if weekly updates about the progress of the pond projects were still being sent out. Nelson confirmed that they were, and that Ron Sturgeon had been added per his request.
- Glauthier asked if the Blue House Farm pond will be finished this season and Nelson confirmed that it would be. Howard added, that along with irrigation reduction factored in, it will reduce withdrawals from the creek.
- Nelson added that the Granny Flats Reservoir will store water from Mindego Creek to protect La Honda Creek. Kossy asked how many residents the reservoir served; Nelson answered that she thought there were about 400 homes. Glauthier asked who

the funder was; Nelson responded Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).

- Butano Channel Reconnection Press Release is attached below.
- Kossy asked if the Johnston Ranch Invasive Species Removal Project involved digging up the roots of the cape ivy. Nelson confirmed that it did, however some re-sprouting was expected and funding allowed for repeat treatment.
- Kossy requested a copy of the First Flush poster (attached below). Glauthier asked if the RCD was still branding it as First Flush and Nelson stated the RCD no longer was because it conjured images of a toilet.
- Glauthier asked if the Pillar Point Harbor Water Quality Project was funded by Granada Community Services District (GCSD). Nelson clarified that the project was funded by San Mateo County and the San Mateo County Harbor District, but that GCSD participates in funding First Flush.
- Kossy asked how many people could attend the RCD's Blue Circle Forum. Nelson explained that the RCD could host approximately 80. Blue Circle Forum flier attached below.
- Glauthier noted that the Coastside Democrats planned to discuss supporting the statewide water bond measure on the November ballot.

6.3 Director's Report

- There was discussion of upcoming vacancies on the Board, recruiting new members, and directors' roles in helping to recruit.
- Reynolds mentioned that he looked at the Butano Channel Reconnection project berm site on his property with staff and that it was well thought out. Nelson confirmed that it had been worked into permits.
- Kossy announced the California Invasive Plant Council Symposium in Monterey in November. Kossy also went to a Surfrider social at the Half Moon Bay Brewery and met the new chair and acting secretary; she attended as an RCD Board member.
- Glauthier stated that he was excited to have Ryan Charland on board as the new accountant and had met with him.
- Glauthier noted the next Regular Meeting of the Board would be at the RCD's new office. He requested the new board room include a large map of the RCD's territory.

6.4 California Association of Resource Conservation Districts Annual Conference November 14-17, 2018 in San Diego

- Nelson announced the meeting and asked directors to consider attending.

6.5 Board will consider contracting with TKO General Engineering & Construction, Inc. for Old Haul Road: Keystone and Harwood Creeks Crossing Stabilization Project, Pescadero Creek County Park.

- Kossy moved to contract with TKO General Engineering & Construction, Inc., Reynolds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6.6 Board will consider whether to reschedule its September 20th regular meeting.

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Board determined there is no need to reschedule at this point.

7 **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.



**Executive Director Report
August 16, 2018**

Water Supply & Conservation Program Updates

Blue House Farm Pond

We are in the middle of constructing a 30 acre-foot (approximately 9,750,000 gallon) off-stream water storage pond that will enable the farmer to forgo diverting from San Gregorio Creek August, September, and October of each year while also ensuring water security to maintain the vast majority of his irrigation needs for a drought year. This will increase streamflow by 10-20% during dry seasons. *Contractor:* Monteith Construction

Butano Farm Pond

We have just begun constructing a 14.9 acre-foot (approximately 4,850,000 gallon) off-stream water storage pond that will enable the farmer to forgo diverting from Pescadero Creek August through October of each year while ensuring water security to maintain the vast majority of the farm's irrigation needs for a drought year. This will increase streamflow by 25-50% during dry season. *Contractor:* Redwood Engineering

Butano State Park Water Efficiency Project

We are drilling a test well to explore for groundwater to enable the park to forego surface water diversions. *Contractor:* Maggiora Brothers

Carpy Ranch Pond

We half way through construction of a 15.2 acre-foot (approximately 4,950,000 gallon) off-stream water storage pond that will enable the farmer to forgo diverting from Pescadero Creek July through October of each year while ensuring water security to maintain the vast majority of the farm's irrigation needs for a drought year. This will increase streamflow by 25-50% during dry season. *Contractor:* Campbell Paving and Grading

Granny Flats Reservoir

In July we completed repairs to a 17 acre-foot (approximately 5,540,000 gallon) domestic reservoir owned by Cuesta La Honda Guild that stores water from Mindego Creek in the San Gregorio watershed. The pond enables storage of water diverted from Mindego Creek during winter wet season to minimize surface water diversions from La Honda Creek during the dry season, while providing domestic water supply for the residents of the Guild. *Contractor:* Andreini Brothers

Agricultural Water Resources Assessment

We are working with UC Cooperative Extension on the final draft of a report that characterizes current and potential future agricultural water needs in coastal San Mateo County south of Devil's Slide. As part of the project we installed a California Irrigation

Management Information System (CIMIS) station at Harley Farms in Pescadero. CIMIS is a technologically advanced weather station that we are using to develop more locally accurate data regarding agricultural water needs and improve irrigation efficiency.

Habitat Restoration Program Updates

Quiroste Valley Vegetation Management

Removal of invasive vegetation began in July. Amah Mutsun stewards are currently focusing on removal of small Douglas firs on the southern ridge of the valley. We will visit the site on August 22nd from 1-3pm. Directors are invited to join. *Contractor:* Amah Mutsun

Permit Streamlining

We are working and partnering or supporting various efforts to streamline permitting for restoration projects.

Butano Channel Reconnection

The first phase of the project to reconnect Butano Creek Channel will begin on September 6th. This first phase will remove trees and brush in preparation for next year's sediment removal. State Parks is providing the labor. The attached press release was sent out on August 15th.

Johnston Ranch Invasive Species Removal

We completed removal of cape ivy along .4 acres of Arroyo Leon Creek in July. Revegetation with native plants will take place this fall. *Contractor:* Go Native

Old Haul Road: Harwood & Keystone Creeks Crossing Stabilization

We are going to construction this fall to replace culverts and stabilize failing crossings on Old Haul Road in San Mateo County's Memorial Park to prevent sediment delivery into Pescadero Creek. *Contractor:* TKO General Engineering & Construction, if approved by the Board of Directors at this meeting

Water Quality Program Updates

2018 First Flush Water Quality Sampling Event

Mark your calendars for September 10th, 6-7:30pm at the (new) RCD office for this year's First Flush training. Please distribute the attached flyer and help us recruit volunteers for this essential program!

Pillar Point Harbor Water Quality

We just completed a second round of investigating the stormwater system draining into Pillar Point Harbor by sending a camera up the lines and by dye-testing sewer lines to investigate potential leaks into the stormwater system. We will share results when they are available.

Pacifica Water Quality Monitoring

We completed our first year of water sampling, are reviewing the data, and are about to begin the second year of data collection.

Outreach

We have participated in Dream Machines (April), Snapshot Day (May), and World Dog Surfing Championships (August) events. At each event we handed out print materials such as postcards and fliers informing people about pet waste (below). At the dog surfing event we also handed out dog waste bag canisters funded by the County.

Postcard:



Half-page flyer:



<http://www.sanmateorcd.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/sanmateorcd>
This outreach program is funded by San Mateo County

Blue Circle Forum on “Plant vs Plant: Confronting the Tradeoffs”

Join us for the next Blue Circle forum on September 26th from 4-6pm at Elkus Ranch. We have assembled a panel to discuss the tradeoffs we confront in natural resource vegetation management. Please help get out the word and distribute the attached flyer.

Water Bond on November Ballot

The Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018, is a statewide water bond measure on the November 6th statewide ballot. It would provide earmarked funding for resource conservation districts and billions in restoration and land management funding for which RCDs would be eligible. The measure also includes language to ensure that resource conservation districts are eligible for nearly all of the bond programs’ funding and to encourage groups to contract out work to their local resource conservation district. To learn more about the measure visit www.waterbond.org.

BLUE CIRCLE

A community forum to share ideas and information
for the stewardship of our natural resources.

PLANT VS PLANT: CONFRONTING THE TRADEOFFS

We often manage land for diverse or even conflicting goals.

When do we decide to cut down trees to save a forest, or remove native plants to restore habitat? Join us for a discussion with local land stewards who balance habitat conservation, climate change and working lands. Speakers include:

LAURA MCLENDON—Sempervirens Fund

TIM HYLAND—California State Parks

BECCA PULCRAN—Cal Poly Swanton Ranch

SARA POLGAR—San Mateo Resource Conservation District

Presentations will be followed by a social hour with drinks and snacks.

September 26th 4:00-6:00pm

Elkus Ranch • 1500 Purissima Creek Road • Half Moon Bay

Space is limited!
RSVP to cleopatra@sanmateoRCD.org
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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
15 August 2018

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Project to Reduce Flooding and Restore Fish Habitat in Pescadero Begins

PESCADERO, Calif.—California State Parks and San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) begin the Butano Creek Channel Reconnection and Resiliency Project on September 6, 2018. This first phase of the project will remove trees and brush along Butano Creek downstream of the Pescadero Creek Road Bridge to prepare for removing sediment deposits in summer 2019. The project will remove sediment from Butano Creek to restore a historic fish migration corridor, reduce flooding on Pescadero Creek Road, and reuse the sediments to improve water quality to reduce fish death caused by low oxygen levels. The expected completion date is October 2019 and updates will follow as new phases begin. Funding and partnership support for this \$8 million project is provided to the RCD by California State Parks, San Mateo County, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). For more information, visit the project web page at www.sanmateoRCD.org/project/butano-channel-restoration-project.

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Join our Volunteer Team

Collect water samples
from coastal creeks
during the first rainstorm of
the year.

One time only.
No experience needed.
Training and equipment provided.

Training Date

Monday, Sept. 10 @ 6:00 PM
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