

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 26, 2017
Location: RCD Office**

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

Staff present: Julian Carroll, Kellyx Nelson, Brittani Bohlke, Jim Howard, Dillon Beatty

Guests: Rich Allen via telephone, Keith Mangold, Sara Hayden, Randy Dardenelle, Kathryn Slater-Carter, Taletha Derrington, Lerin Murphy, John Moren

1 Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM

2 Introduction of Guests and Staff

3 Public Comment

- No public comments

4 Approval of Agenda

- The September 21, 2017 draft meeting minutes were pulled from the agenda because of technical errors with the website resulting in them not being posted with adequate notice.
- Kramer moved to approve the modified agenda. Kossy seconded.

5 Consent Agenda

~~5.1 September 21, 2017 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes~~

5.2 Conservation Strategy Group: "What's in it for RCDs?"

6 Regular Agenda

6.1 Conversation with Brittani Bohlke, Water Resources Specialist, about the RCD's water quality program, including the work we are doing, what we are learning, and next steps. This is an open conversation, not a presentation. Please come with any questions.

- San Pedro Creek and Pacifica State Beach Bacteria TMDL Monitoring. RCD work on characterizing bacteria for the County and City of Pacifica to identify land use/source contributions.
- Pillar Point Harbor Water Quality Assistance focus on pollution prevention and water quality. Identifying and planning improvements to both infrastructure and operations.
- First Flush citizen monitoring program part of a larger effort by the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary. Provides information about the wide variety of pollutants and their impacts.

- Rancho Corral de Tierra Water Quality Assistance to establish water quality conditions to support good land management and healthy creeks.
- San Vicente Creek Bacteria Water Quality Monitoring assists GGNRA and County by characterizing bacteria and recommending solutions and best management practices for partners.
- Pet Waste Education and Outreach Program organizes dog waste cleanup events, school programs, flyers, social media, newsletters, and tabling events.
- Discussion involving pet waste stations in watersheds. Potential for dog waste stations on GGNRA property following allowance of dog walking.
- Future outreach to involve public in discussion of results, including updates on when results become available.
- Rich Allen requested a topic at a future Board meeting to discuss new confined animal regulations.

6.2 Executive Director Report- see attached

6.3 Directors' Report

- Reynolds – Half Moon Bay City Council gave out awards for stewardship activities of students. He is interested in more involvement with the youth.
- Glauthier – Went to a farm-to-table event at Potrero Nuevo Farm. The farm owners spoke positively about the RCD.
- Kossy – Went to Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship Network event about land use and recreation. Good to be there as a representative.

6.4 Board will consider contracting with cbec Eco-Engineering for \$307,536 to complete designs and support planning and project management for the Butano Channel Restoration and Resiliency Project.

- Reynolds moved to approve. Kramer seconded. Contract approved unanimously.

6.5 Board will be notified regarding contracting with *Alnus* Ecological for Butano Creek Channel Restoration and Resiliency Project.

- No action required. Included so that the information is publicly accessible.
- Jim Robins, principal at *Alnus* Ecological, is now functioning as project manager.

6.6 Board will consider request to contract with Go Native, Inc. for the Johnston Ranch Invasive Species Removal Project.

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

6.7 Board will choose a voting delegate to the 2017 conference of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts.

- Kramer moved to appoint Kevin Watt as the voting delegate. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6.8 Board will consider CARCD Resolution17-1: A Resolution for the updating of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts bylaws to reflect changes in committee structure.

- Kramer moved to approve unless Watt encounters information at the conference that would change the Board's understanding of the resolution or its position on the resolution. Kossy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6.9 Board will consider Resolution 17-2: A Resolution for Resource Conservation Districts in the State of California to allow CARCD regions to submit resolutions for consideration during the association's annual business meeting.

- Kramer moved to approve unless Watt encounters information at the conference that would change the Board's understanding of the resolution or its position on the resolution. Kossy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7 Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM

Executive Director Report October 26, 2017

Construction Season Continues

Completed:

1. improvements to habitat at 16 sites (2 were added since last report period) in San Gregorio Creek at the Driscoll Ranch Rodeo Center and OVY Camp and Event Center;
2. a new 2 acre-foot reservoir at Harley Farms Goat Dairy in Pescadero;
3. irrigation infrastructure upgrades at Moty-Klingman farm in San Gregorio;

Not yet begun:

1. irrigation infrastructure upgrades at Harley Farms Goat Dairy;
2. two 4,995 gallon water storage tanks on an orchard with wildlife habitat in Pescadero, enabling the landowner to irrigate during off-peak hours to reduce demand on Pescadero Creek during peak diversion hours;
3. pipeline replacements at Cuesta La Honda Guild to reduce leaks and failures in their domestic water supply system; and
4. replacing a failing tank owned by the Loma Mar Mutual Water Company and replacing with a new system that allows more efficient water use.

In addition, the NRCS is overseeing implementation of three projects on which the RCD partnered to complete the designs, including:

5. Underway- irrigation infrastructure improvements on a row crop operation in San Gregorio;
6. Completed- irrigation infrastructure improvements and water storage tanks on a row crop operation in Pescadero; and
7. Next month- infrastructure to bring a 40 acre-foot rainfed reservoir online for use in a row crop operation in Pescadero, enabling the farm not to divert from Pescadero Creek during low flow.

The following projects have been delayed until next year:

8. irrigation infrastructure upgrades and a new estimated 14 acre-foot reservoir at Butano Farms in Pescadero (serving multiple agricultural operations);
9. irrigation infrastructure upgrades and a new estimated 20 acre-foot reservoir on Moty Klingman farm in San Gregorio (serving multiple agricultural operations) are underway;
10. repairs to domestic water supply reservoir at Cuesta La Honda Guild

Program Highlights

First Flush

- The first significant storm of the season- took place 1:00 a.m. on Friday, October 20th. RCD staff and volunteers mobilized to collect water quality data from creeks and storm drains entering the ocean from Montara to Half Moon Bay. When the data are back from the laboratories and analyzed, RCD staff will present the results.

Butano Channel Restoration and Resiliency Project

- Work to date has focused on funding agreements and subcontracting, data collection, and meeting with regulatory agencies regarding permitting.
- NOAA funds have been secured and we are negotiating the funding agreement with the State. We have spent the \$150K in planning and design funds from the County and are working with the County to secure the \$1M implementation funds.

Fish Kills

- State Parks breached the sand bar at the mouth of the lagoon on October 5th. There was some slight improvement in water quality and no known fish mortality as a result. In general, there was little effect. One of the lessons learned was that a breach may need to be done at a higher water surface elevation so that the opening is scoured enough to stay open. This was previously discouraged because higher water inundates the marsh and worsens water quality.
- Steelhead are currently abundant and in excellent condition.

Quiroste Valley Vegetation Management Plan

- The Coastal Development Permit has been appealed to the Coastal Commission.

Financial Perspective

The first quarter of FY 2018 is currently showing a \$5K loss, pending final grant billing that will most likely change that bottom line to a surplus of \$5-15K. The ability to operate at a surplus this quarter is largely due to billing rates being on target to cover overhead, program, and personnel costs. The RCD is in a comfortable cash position with enough unrestricted funds to cover immediate needs for at least two months. However, delayed receivables from federal and state grantors continue to be a burden.

Recent and Upcoming Events

- *October 11*: Presentation about RCD to Midcoast Community Council
- *October 28*: Tour of three recently completed restoration projects in San Gregorio watershed with the San Gregorio Environmental Resource Center
- *November 9*: Tour of the district with David Bunn, Director of the California Department of Conservation, and Kathryn Lyddan, Assistant Director of the Division of Land Resource Protection.
- *November 14*: Presentation to Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council about Butano Channel Restoration and Resiliency Project, and community input on alignment of the new channel.
- *November 15-18*: Annual conference of the California Association of RCDs (CARCD) in Sacramento. Directors Kossy and Watt will be joining. The theme will be "Dynamic Partnerships, Relevant Results." I will be making two presentations, one with POST entitled "In Sickness and in Health: Evolution of an RCD and Land Trust Partnership." The other is with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and a private donor, entitled "A Partnership that Works: An RCD, A Community Foundation, and Private Donors."