

**DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 19, 2020
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
via Zoom teleconference**

Directors present: Barbara Kossy, TJ Glauthier, Adrienne Etherton, Jim Reynolds

RCD staff present: Kellyx Nelson, Lau Hodges, Amy Kaeser, Joe Issel

Guests present: Eric Schmidt, Melissa Krause

1. Call to Order

Kossy called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Etherton moved to approve the agenda, Glauthier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Introductions of Guests and Staff

All in attendance introduced themselves.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Consent Agenda

- Glauthier noted that the RCD's finances were in good shape and vendors were being paid prior to receiving money from funders.
- Nelson noted that Diversity, Equity & Inclusion had been pulled from the agenda while the Board formulated a plan regarding the most appropriate way to discuss it.
- Glauthier moved to approve the consent agenda, Etherton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Etherton abstained.

6. Regular Agenda

6.1 Executive Director's Report

- Ten thousand coho salmon released into Pescadero Creek on November 17; over a decade of restoration work had led up to the release. Kaeser did excellent working planning the event with NOAA. CBS News and Half Moon Bay Review attended the event.
- First Rain (previously First Flush) was also on November 17. Noah Katz, the RCD's Water Quality Program Manager, did a great job with safety and outreach despite COVID restrictions. 20 volunteers collected water samples during the storm.
- Post-fire recovery assistance continues: 150 responses to help, 43 site visits, 13 follow up efforts moving forward (ag irrigation to hazardous tree removal to creek protection and more). Replaced 11 burned out culverts on Old Womans Creek Road last week.

Repairs implemented in near record time thanks to partnerships, collaborative funders, and trusting relationships within the community. Ramping up hazard tree assistance.

- The repairs to the Dark Gulch crossing on Old Haul Road were completed end of October.
- Fire Prevention work continues. Working on programmatic or streamlined permitting through Coastal Commission and County. El Granada chipper event Oct 26 and 27. Chipper events Montara Moss Beach Nov 6. La Honda, Loma Mar, Dearborn Park with assistance from local volunteers. Working through relationship with FireSafe Council, likely developing MOU.
- Strategic plan in an early draft and expected to be completed by the end of the year.
 - Etherton said she felt good about the direction the strategic plan was heading. Nelson noted that the communications plan would be started soon and would tie directly into the strategic plan.
- Cutting Green Tape paper scheduled for release on November 30. Nelson will present it at the California Association of RCD's (CARCD). The RCD also sponsored the 2020 CARCD Conference.
- On November 18 the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo) voted unanimously to move to a public hearing regarding the RCD's sphere of influence and potential change the RCDs boundaries. Nelson offered a note of thanks the Glauthier for all of his support.

6.2 NRCS report

- Jim Howard was unable to attend the meeting therefore no report was given.

6.3 Directors' reports

- Etherton participated in First Rain, enjoyed the opportunity, and was interested to learn the results. She had joined a new group, Coastside Families Taking Action, and was on the environmental committee where she had met other members with concerns about water quality; she suggested the RCD reach out.
- Reynolds shared how proud he was of the RCD, specifically of the work in Pescadero.
- Glauthier attended the coho salmon release and expressed enthusiasm. He attended a San Mateo County Harbor District Board of Commissioners meeting, which included a lengthy discussion about water quality and what can be done about it; they were pleased with their partnership with the RCD. He attended the recent LAFCo meeting and was pleased with their decision; Glauthier further noted that it would be a long process but worth it for the reliable revenue.
- Kossy will represent the RCD at the CARCD conference and was giving a lot of thought to the diversity, equity and inclusions themes running throughout it. She recently left her position on the Sequoia Audubon Society Board.

6.4 Board will consider appointment of Kevin Watt as Associate Director.

- **ACTION:** Glauthier moved to appoint Kevin Watt as Associate Director, Etherton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 Discuss October 7, 2020 Grand Jury Report: “Ransomware: It is Not Enough To Think You Are Protected” and RCD response.

- There was discussion of the recommendations and that staff had asked the RCD’s IT consultant to review and help comment.
- Glauthier suggested that the letter, noting the Board had given approval, come from Nelson.

6.6 Board will consider Resolution 2020-7: Approval to Enter into Agreement with the California Wildlife Conservation Board for the Mindego Creek Fish Passage Project.

- There was discussion about the project and the funder’s requirement for this resolution.
- **ACTION:** Glauthier moved to approve Resolution 2020-7, Etherton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6.7 Board will consider Resolution 2020-8: Approval to Enter into Agreement with the California Wildlife Conservation Board for the San Pedro Creek Fish Passage Project at Adobe Bridge.

- There was discussion about previous efforts to secure funding for this project, partnership with the local watershed coalition; description of the site; and where it is located.
- **ACTION:** Etherton moved to approve Resolution 2020-8, Glauthier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6.8 Board will consider Resolution 2020-9: Approval to Enter into Agreement with the California Wildlife Conservation Board for the Butano Creek Channel Stabilization and Habitat Enhancement at the Cloverdale Road Bridge Project.

- There was discussion about the project site, potential benefits and the partnerships.
- **ACTION:** Glauthier moved to approve Resolution 2020-9, Glauthier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7 Adjourn Meeting

- Kossy adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.