

**DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**December 16, 2021**  
**4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**  
**via Zoom teleconference**

Directors: Barbara Kossy, Adrienne Etherton, TJ Glauthier

Associate Directors: Steve Stielstra, John Keener

RCD staff: Kellyx Nelson, Lau Hodges, Jarrad Fisher, Sara Polgar, Stephanie MacDonald, Joe Issel, Dylan Skybrook (Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network Manager)

NRCS staff: Jim Howard

Guests: Nicole Reynolds, Francis Babiasz, Lena Silberman, Danny Franco

**1. Call to Order**

Kossy called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**2. Declaration of Emergency Continuing Teleconferencing (subject to AB 361)**

Etherton moved to approve the declaration of emergency continuing teleconferencing, Glauthier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Introductions of Guests and Staff**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

**5. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**7.1 Moment of silence in memory of Jim Reynolds, reflections on his life, and consideration of Resolution 2021-9: Honoring 20 Years of Service by Director Jim Reynolds.**

- Nelson explained that Reynolds was to be honored at the meeting for his service to the RCD. She knew he felt honored and was looking forward to it. She remembered his as always being so full of life; when she last spoke with him he had lots of upcoming plans.
- Kossy spoke fondly of visiting Level Lea Farms with Reynolds and his deep knowledge of the land. She described her walk with him as a 'real gift'. She further noted, with his passing, she would never see the world through his lens again.
- Etherton remembered how warm and welcoming Reynolds had been towards her.

- Glauthier said how honored he was to have been friends with Reynolds. He remembered Reynolds' dedication to the land that was evident while walking properties with him. Glauthier noted how proud Reynolds had been of his work at the RCD and his role on the RCD's Finance Committee.
- Silberman offered condolences on behalf of Supervisor Don Horsley who had hoped to be there himself; the passing of Reynolds really affected him.
- Nicole Reynolds invited everyone to attend her fathers service at St. Anthony's Church followed by a gathering a Duarte's.
- Babiasz, Director Reynolds's nephew, thanked everyone for the kind words and said that Reynolds always told him he was a lucky man....but Babiasz knew it wasn't luck.
- **ACTION:** Glauthier moved to approve Resolution 2021-9, Etherton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## 6. **Consent Agenda**

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

## 7. **Regular Agenda**

### **7.2 Presentation about Landscape Database and Vegetation Mapping Project in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties by Dylan Skybrook, Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network & Danny Franco, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (see below)**

- There was discussion about utilization of the data, tech support for utilization, and where information could be found publicly ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B5rk56ywffo-oNzLqiAlmXL03buBk3\\_Y/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B5rk56ywffo-oNzLqiAlmXL03buBk3_Y/view?usp=sharing))

### **7.3 Consideration of Resolution 2021-10: Authorizing the Adoption of the San Mateo County Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (see below)**

- Kossy asked if it would open the RCD up to any liability. Polgar did not think so and Nelson explained that this Resolution did not obligate the RCD to the actions it only grants the RCD the authority to take action.
- Glauthier noted the effort involved to produce the plan and asked if the staff time had been funded. Nelson answered that staff time had been billed out of the general fund however the RCD couldn't afford not to do it.
- Nelson expressed her gratitude to Polgar for taking it on.
- **ACTION:** Glauthier moved to approve Resolution 2021-10, Etherton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **7.4 Executive Director's report**

- Nelson reported:
  - She planned to bring the 'RCD Year in Review' to the Board in January.
  - During this Board Meeting Polgar was honored by CARCD as an Unsung Hero for the depth and breadth she brings the RCD.
  - She had heard no reports of flooding in Pescadero despite the recent rains; the dredge was doing what it was design to and coho are getting into the system.
  - She would be bringing a revised personnel manual to the Board in 2022.
  - Annual reviews would begin in early 2022.
  - Building the Fiscal Year 2023 budget would begin for staff in February.
  - The RCD was going through a CEQA process to expand the boundaries.
  - There was lots of energy around a scoping project in El Granada; Nelson was hopeful the community would see how much value the RCD can bring.

## **7.5 NRCS report**

- Kossy welcomed Howard back from his detail.
- Howard reported:
  - It was good to be back!
  - NRCS budgets were going up, not just program dollars but technical assistance dollars.
  - NRCS was now putting an emphasis on climate smart agriculture and forest health. He noted that would advance his long-term efforts.
  - Kay Joy Barge would retire at the end of the year; Allen Curry had taken the position.

## **7.6 Directors' reports**

- Etherton reported:
  - She had participated in the Carbon Farm Planning Session about funding with Adria Arko, RCD Senior Program Manager: Climate and Agriculture. It was an impressive group of folks.
  - The City of Half Moon Bay building electrification bill passed; in 2045 it would be ending its gas service
- Glauthier reported:
  - He appreciated the time to speak about Reynolds and reflect on his work at the RCD.
  - It is an election year for San Mateo County and there are three open seats. He reminded the group to tell any future candidates they meet about the RCD.
- Kossy encouraged the Board to forward the RCD's annual appeal; even if they don't donate, it's a good communication piece.
- Keener reported the Pacific Gardens Native Plant Nursery hosted their annual sale and it had been a success.

- Stielstra reported:
  - Offered to work with staff to help get more local contractors engaged.
  - Would be happy to help with the El Granada efforts but would need to understand more.
  - He had spoken with Kathy Webster at TomKat Ranch and really enjoyed the conversation.
  - Ran into Glauthier and it was really nice to meet someone in person.

**8. Adjourn Meeting**

- Kossy adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.



# **San Mateo County Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

**SAN MATEO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNEX**

December 16, 2021



**SAN MATEO  
RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT**

# Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) 2021 Update

- Regional and cross-jurisdictional 5-year plan to **reduce risk** from natural and man-made disasters
- **Assesses hazard vulnerabilities and identifies mitigation actions** to reduce level of injury, property damage and community disruption
- Plan adoption gives County and planning partners **eligibility for pre- and post-disaster grants** from FEMA and State (e.g., Cal OES)
  - Planning partners = 36 cities, special districts





# LHMP Planning Timeline

- County-led, joint planning effort
  - Trainings, materials, technical assistance for partners to develop annex plans – *April – June*
  - RCD submitted complete draft annex plan – *July*
  - County reviewed, compiled and posted full plan for public review – *August*
  - Cal OES reviewed and approved compiled plan – *Oct*
  - County and partner governing boards adopt their respective annex plans – *Today!*
  - Plan is effective starting end of 2021



# RCD Annex: Hazards & Risk Ranking

1 = HIGH

2 = MEDIUM

3 = LOW

1	Drought	No snowpack, large reservoirs or State water project
1	Wildfire	Local topography, high fuel loads, extreme drought
1	Landslide	Geology, steep slopes, legacy impacts of intense agriculture and logging
2	Flooding	Pescadero
2	Climate Change	Sea level rise, extreme heat, drought, invasive species and disease
2	Severe Weather	Intense rain events, wind, hail, extreme heat, freeze
3	Earthquake	Very little built infrastructure in RCD <i>jurisdiction</i>
3	Dam Failure	
3	Tsunami	





# RCD Annex: Hazard Mitigation Actions

21 actions are derived from the RCD's

- **Mission:** helping people help the land
- **Core capacities:** boots on the ground, technical support, partnering
- **Relevant program areas**, most notably:
  - Water for Fish, Farms and People
  - Forest Health and Fire Resiliency
  - Carbon Farming
  - Habitat Enhancement
  - Erosion and Sediment Management

4 “general” required actions



## RCD Annex: Example Actions

### SRC-8:

"Develop and implement floodplain, stream, and wetlands restoration projects... to reduce erosion and flooding to risks to communities and infrastructure."

RCD Program: Habitat Enhancement

Addresses: Landslide, Flood, Climate Change, Severe Weather, Sea Level Rise

### SRC-5:

"Implement conservation practices and projects to improve soil health factors including organic matter content, aggregate stability, water holding capacity on residential, agricultural and parks/open space properties."

RCD Program: Carbon Farming

Addresses: Drought, Landslide, Climate Change





## RCD Annex: Example Actions

### SRC-7:

“Develop and implement projects to help private and public landowners with addressing erosion issues that threaten access, structures and/or cause excess sedimentation in creeks, increasing future downstream flooding risk.”

RCD Program: Erosion & Sediment Management  
Addresses: Landslide, Flood, Climate Change,  
Severe Weather, Earthquake



## RCD Annex: Other Actions

- Catch-all action for Pescadero Marsh & Pescadero-Butano Watershed
- Building capacity within the District and RCD for hazard mitigation
  - Filling data and analysis gaps
  - Expanding outreach and engagement and partnering
  - Coordination and collaboration on regional/cross-jurisdictional planning and projects
- General (required) actions:
  - Support retro-fitting, purchase or relocation of structures located in high hazard areas
  - Participate in the LHMP maintenance protocols
  - Purchase generators for critical facilities and infrastructure lacking adequate backup power
  - Support the County-wide initiatives identified in LHMP



County's LHMP webpage  
[cmo.smcgov.org/2021-multijurisdictional-lhmp](https://cmo.smcgov.org/2021-multijurisdictional-lhmp)

\*RCD annex is in Volume 2\*

Questions?

