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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – March 26, 2014

President Dennis Murphy called the meeting of the Sonoma Resource Conservation District Board of Directors to order at 3:01 pm at 1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F, Santa Rosa, CA.

Directors Present: Dennis Murphy, Vickie Mulas, Earle Cummings, Delmar Friedrichsen, Garry Mahrt (in at 3:15), Ron Rolleri, Walt Ryan (out at 5:40), Steve Thomas (out at 5:40)

Associate Directors Present: Ray Krauss

Directors Absent: Tom Scott

RCD Staff Present: Kara Heckert, Valerie Minton, Jed Coffin, Kevin Cullinen

Others Present: Charlette Epifanio, NRCS District Conservationist; Marcus Trotta, Sonoma County Water Agency

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve minutes and bills for board approval. Rolleri moved, Thomas seconded. Passed, 7 ayes (Directors Mahrt and Scott absent).

Motion to approve agenda. Rolleri moved, Mulas seconded. Passed, 7 ayes (Directors Mahrt and Scott absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PARTNER REPORTS

A. NRCS

Charlette Epifanio reported that the Petaluma service center has moved to 5401 Old Redwood Highway, and that the RCD has two desks available in the new office. The drought initiative yielded approximately 65 sign-ups, and there was also a concurrent FSA program sign-up period.

B. CARCD

Kara and Ron stated that they will be presenting reports from CARCD on a quarterly basis, and shared information on state funding and RCD standards.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Acceptance of Financial Reports

Motion to accept financial reports. Thomas moved, Rolleri seconded. Passed, 8 ayes (Director Scott absent).

B. Approval of Exchange Bank resolutions

Motion to approve Resolution No. 061314 to move operating banking activities to Exchange Bank. Rolleri moved, Ryan seconded. Passed, 8 ayes (Director Scott absent).

Motion to approve Resolution No. 071314 to enter into contract with Exchange Bank to borrow funds on an as-needed basis not to exceed \$200,000, with the provision that specific terms of the contract shall be negotiated by the RCD Finance Committee and Board. Thomas moved, Rolleri seconded. Passed, 8 ayes (Director Scott absent).

C. Approval of the subordination of pass through payments, related to 2014 bonds issued by the Successor Agency to the Healdsburg Redevelopment Agency

Motion to provide written consent for subordination of pass through payments, provided that staff identifies the timeframe of this subordination. Ryan moved, Cummings seconded. Passed, 8 ayes (Director Scott absent).

D. Review and acceptance of Southern Sonoma County RCD’s 3-year audit

Motion to accept audit, with corrections to list of Directors and typographical error regarding dollars leveraged. Ryan moved, Rolleri seconded. Passed, 8 ayes (Director Scott absent).

E. Review and Acceptance of Staff Activity Report

Motion to accept staff report. Cummings moved, Mahrt seconded. Passed, 7 ayes (Directors Rolleri and Scott absent).

Staff will add information on timelines of projects/grants to future staff reports and allocate 10 to 15 minutes on the agenda for discussion of the report. Staff will also bring forward a future agenda item regarding the potential Cotati demonstration farm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (STANDING COMMITTEES)

A. Finance Committee (Garry/Walt/Dennis/Tom)

No report beyond items agendized above.

B. Board Development Committee (Earle/Delmar)

Committee presented a report from its February 7, 2014 meeting. Director Friedrichsen reported on his attendance at the EcoFarm conference.

C. Fund Development Committee (Steve, Vickie, Ron)

Committee did not meet and had no report.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. SCWA presentation on Groundwater Management Planning and Programs

Marcus Trotta presented information on groundwater management efforts in Sonoma Valley and the Santa Rosa Plain. Dennis Murphy noted interest in requesting that County waive permit fees for groundwater monitoring wells, possibly in partnership with SCWA.

B. Directions to new RCD office

C. Water Bond Coalition Letter in Support of SB 848

Another letter has gone out since the letter provided in the board packet. Kara will provide to Directors. Directors may also attend Water Bond Coalition conference calls if desired.

D. April 23rd Board meeting includes on-site Board Training through Volunteer Center – 3+ hour meeting

E. Form 700s are due March 26th to Becky

F. Completion of Ethics Training: Please send Becky the confirmation document that the training was passed for RCD records ASAP.

Adjournment: 6:02 pm