

The mission of the Sonoma RCD is to help agricultural and rural landowners protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through information, education, and technical assistance programs.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

April 22, 2015

2:00-5:00 PM

Meeting location: RCD Conference Room, Suite F
1221 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
707.569.1448

Welcome/Introductions: Chairman Dennis Murphy called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Board Directors Present: Dennis Murphy (out at 4:43 pm), Vickie Mulas, Ron Rolleri, Earle Cummings, Steve Thomas and Delmar Friedrichsen (in at 2:05 pm)

Directors Absent: Walt Ryan

Associate Directors present: None

Staff present: Kara Heckert, Valerie Minton, Jed Coffin, Anya Starovoytov, Aaron Fairbrook, Keith Abeles

Others present: Paul Martin, Hector Bedolla, Homer Canelis, Supervisor James Gore (in at 4:00 pm)

Consent Calendar: Approval of April Board Meeting Agenda, February Board meeting minutes, and Bills for Board Approval.

Motion to approve consent calendar, with the followings changes: amend minutes to reflect that Ray Krauss was present, remove item from agenda "LandSmart CEQA Document..." and replace with "Discussion about ad hoc committee on water issues" - Motion Rolleri/2nd Cummings. Passed, 5 ayes (Director Friedrichsen absent)

Public Comment: None

Quarterly Financial Report

Motion to accept financial report - Motion Mulas/2nd Rolleri. Passed, 6 ayes.

Quarterly Staff Activity Report

Motion to accept staff activity report - Motion Mulas/2nd Friedrichsen. Passed, 6 ayes.

Approval of DFW Grant Agreement # P1430406 Grape Creek Instream Habitat Restoration Project and corresponding resolution

Motion to approve agreement - Motion Thomas/2nd Mulas. Passed by roll call – Cummings (Aye), Friedrichsen (Aye), Mulas (Aye), Murphy (Aye), Rolleri (Aye), Thomas (Aye).

Approval of DFW Grant Agreement # P1430404 Porter Creek Instream Habitat Restoration Project, Phase II, and corresponding resolution

Motion to approve agreement - Motion Cummings/2nd Mulas. Passed by roll call – Cummings (Aye), Friedrichsen (Aye), Mulas (Aye), Murphy (Aye), Rolleri (Aye), Thomas (Aye).

Approval of Resolution authorizing Executive Director to sign the California State Lands Commission's General Lease – Dredging

Motion to approve agreement - Motion Rolleri/2nd Mulas. Passed by roll call – Cummings (Aye), Friedrichsen (Aye), Mulas (Aye), Murphy (Aye), Rolleri (Aye), Thomas (Aye).

Discussion about ad hoc committee on water issues

Directors Mulas, Cummings and Murphy, and Hector Bedolla volunteered to form an ad hoc committee.

Water Quality Credit Trading

Valerie provided an update on the project and potential future roles for the RCD. Board directed staff to pursue filling the administrator role and brokering credit projects as opportunities arise.

4th District Supervisor James Gore

Supervisory Gore provided updates on a variety of topics at the County level, including a CTS regulatory certainty program being pursued with NRCS and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and an idea for pursuing funding to connect the natural resource-related work of county agencies, RCDs and non-profits. Supervisor Gore will update the RCD board again in July, or as schedules permit.

Adjournment – 5:10 pm