

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

May 27th, 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, Vickie Mulas, Ron Rolleri, Earle Cummings, Steve Thomas, Walt Ryan, and Delmar Friedrichsen (in at 2:15)

Directors Absent: none

Associate Directors present: Ray Krauss

Staff present: Kara Heckert, Valerie Minton, Jed Coffin

Others present: Homer Canelis, Bob Coey and Dan Wilson, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service

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

Motion to approve consent calendar, with the followings changes: strike appointment of Paul Martin as Associate Director as Paul was unable to attend the meeting. Move review of Associate Director Policy before NMFS presentation

Motion Cummings/Second Rolleri, Passed, 6 ayes (Friedrichsen not arrived yet)

Public Comment: None

Draft 15/16 County Budget

Budget only includes property tax funds that pass through County. Motion to approve FY 15/16 County Budget - Motion Rolleri/2nd Cummings. Passed, 7 ayes.

Grape Creek Streamflow Enhancement and Off-Channel Irrigation Pond Mitigated Negative Declaration No public comments received during thirty day filing period at the State Clearinghouse. Motion to approve Mitigated Negative Declaration- *Motion Ryan/2nd Friedrichsen. Passed, 7 ayes.*

Approval of Resolution and contract with State Coastal Conservancy Agreement for Sonoma County LandSmart Environmental Document

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

NRCS update: *Sign-ups for EQIP are June 19th and July 17th. Three new employees have started, partner Biologist, Soil Technician, and Engineering Technician. RCD contribution agreement has also been approved for an RCD Engineer that would work on NRCS EQIP project 50% of the time. Should help with backlog.*

Review of Associate Director Policy: *With two new Associate Directors close to appointment we need to engage Associate Directors more on committees and in other ways, otherwise we lose good people, like we have in the past. Would be good to give each Associate Director a Director Point person. Need to follow policy to renew appointments of Associates annually. Associate Directors can be utilized more to represent a particular geographical area and/or land use like Ray Krauss does for Upper Mark West watershed.*

NMFS Presentation: *A Salmon Safe Harbor for Dry Creek –Bob Coey and Dan Wilson gave an overview on their Agency’s work in Dry Creek with landowners and potential Safe Harbor agreements, and next steps.*

Meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m

