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TEAMRCD

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Truax Building

41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor

Temecula, CA 92590

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:10 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Rose Corona (President); Michael Newcomb, Stacy Kuhns, Judy Gugliemana

Directors Absent: Dave Kuhlman-Absent; Michael Newcomb - absent

Associate Directors: Rick Neugebauer-Present, Randy Feeney - Absent

District Counsel Absent: Tawny Lieu, Greg Priamos

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) Present: Bob Hewitt

Guest Speakers: None

Public Guests: None

Approval of Agenda

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda including adding to the action items a vote on the disbursement of the funds in the area meeting bank account.; Director Kuhns moved and Director Gugliemana seconded. Call for vote. **Motion passed 3-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

II. CONSENT CALENDAR, III. CORRESPONDENCE & IV. GENERAL INFORMATION

V. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item :1 Discussion and potential vote to install a New secretary/Treasurer-Director Corona to nominate Director Kuhns for Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Director Gugliemana . No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0

Item 2- Discussion and Update of Meeting on Potential MOU with Flood Control- President Corona discussed she met with them yesterday and they stated, we have a basic MOU. They have a very detailed MOU of what they want to do and how they want to do it, and they wanted to get on it right away. After looking at it, were looking to do is work with the flood control in areas that are within our district that allow us to use our LSA or 1600 permit that allows us to do some work that they are simply overburdened and trying to get everything done. Some things go for years unattended. A road block for Fish and Wildlife is meeting the requirements, so we offered up that perhaps we could be that in between person along with our partnership with SAWA. They have 11 or 12 projects they want to work with us on. Team RCD is going to sit down with SAWA and RLC. Corona spoke with Hugh Wood this am. Once they get us all the maps, once they get us all the information requirements and what they're going to need us to do and we're going to go in there and give them a wish list of what we'd be able to do and the costs. Some of these projects might entail us doing on a yearly basis thing.

President Corona said Flood Control had mentioned one project that may not have been touched in 15 years. Corona suggested that there may be variations on the locations depending upon the fuel modifications and the number of years the area had been neglected. President Corona is look for Team RCD to build an established relationship with Flood Control and hopefully bring in a continued source of revenue to maintain the district with these kinds of projects. Corona indicated that the areas to be addressed cover all of the districts boundaries and again would entail about 11 to 12 projects and hopefully allow us to do more work with RLC and SAWA.

She also suggested to Flood Control on the bigger projects that both sides take "baby steps" to move bigger projects forward. Flood Control also addressed Benton Channel and they are more than happy to let us start doing things on the embankments. So at this time TEAM RCD is waiting on them to send the information and when they do, TEAM RCD will probably go with SAWA and RLC in the various projects to assess each one.

They also addressed Benton Channel in French Valley which is a conservation easement we have but our jurisdiction is only in where the water falls in. Fish and Wildlife has agreed and Flood Control sees the opportunity to allow TEAM RCD to start doing things on embankments. We would be able to clear out the embankments to hold the dirt. Rick will be calling Bob Hewitt on this. Bob Hewitt requested any documentation to be shared with him so he will be familiar with project. The Benton Channel conversation came about when, with Bob Cullen, Mark Wills of Flood Control, Corona went and found where housing tracts runoff drains to. Bob Cullen stated need to try something new and talk about the runoff. Vector control needs to get involved. The slopes were originally planted by developer, 200 ft wide and believed we have 35ft in the bottom of it. Original vegetation was with natives, so they would thrive on their own later. Plan is to manage invasives and build new habitat. We will be able to meet some of the requirements of Fish and Wildlife would like us to do.

Item 3-Discussion and potential collaboration with IERCD for a Field Day with the Temecula Valley Winegrowers Association to host and discuss a Pierce's Disease Workshop- Corona explained that Pierce's Disease almost destroyed the entire local wine industry 15-18 years ago. Destroyed 80% of vines. It is caused by the same bug that causes blotch and kills oleanders. These bugs will actually hide on the leaves so they can't be seen. Corona has been unsuccessful in contacting IERCD prior to the meeting so this topic will be tabled until next meeting.

Item 4-Discussion of working with Fairway Estates and SAWA on vegetation removal- Corona stated we have had a bad experience with The Master Association at Bear Creek Association. There's some opportunities there. There is new ownership with Steele Canyon and a new management company. President Corona explained to the management company that there would be a new process in addressing vegetation removal. Before any work is done at all, TEAM RCD will sit down with their HOA board. We are also going to require that they send out a letter to all the homeowner's so they understand what our restrictions are from Fish and Wildlife. We can do the work, but it is nesting season which makes it more expensive. TEAM RCD will serve as project coordinator. Discussion only. More information will hopefully be available by next meeting.

Item 5-Discussion and potential approval of Biomonitoring reports from Adeline Farms and Greer Ranch to be forwarded to Fish and Wildlife, Army Corps of Engineers, RCA and Greer Ranch Homeowners Association- The property manager Greer Ranch is Billie and Jonathan Ingram who's the mayor of Murrieta, but he's also the head of the Homeowners Association and the head of the RCA now. The hierarchy is Everett Greer was the grandfather that bought the property originally then sold it to Lennar for development. His son is Richard is wanting to develop a section of land that was set aside from the original development.

There is a parcel that they are trying to decide who has actual jurisdiction of. Johnathan Ingram called Corona this afternoon stating Richard Greer is wanting to bulldoze a whole bunch of stuff up there, so we need to meet with Billie

the property manager to decide if this is part of our CE. President Corona at the time, informed Jon Ingrahm to inform Mr. Greer that bulldozing everything might not be a good idea because it might be an issue with Fish and Wildlife. Unsure of total acres involved. TEAM RCD will meet with Billie now which will not include Richard Greer however, it will determine who has ownership and jurisdiction over the parcel.

President Corona made a motion to approve the bio-monitoring reports for Adeline Farms and Greer Ranch to be forward to the Fish and Wildlife, Army Corp of Engineers, RCA, and Greer Ranch homeowner's association. Second by Gugliemana. **Motion passed 3-0**

Item 6 Update of potential collaboration with IERCD for grant proposals and other funding Opportunity in from the California Watershed Protection Fund- IERCD and her grant people had put together a letter of interest regarding a funding poll and for potential grant partners, Team RCD, Mission RCD, Inland Empire RCD. The funding poll and duration fluctuates, no upper or lower limit. The Rose Foundation is inviting applicants interested in implementing projects to target watersheds, focus on water quality uplift via a variety of methods. Partner RCDs and 501 C3 organizations are working on water quality via coordination with projects and programs designed to reduce footprints of homeless populations to decrease water quality impacts from associated activities. All they're asking for is a letter of interest right now. They're not asking for a full-blown proposal grant request because that can take a lot of time and we have until February 15. After deadline, the Rose foundation will go through the letters of interest and they will decide which ones should write an actual grant. Gugliemana made a motion to accept that to go in for a letter of request, of interest. Second by Kuhns **Motion passed 3-0**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1- Discussion and potential approval of amendment of MOU with Regional Conservation Authority and TEAM RCD to eliminate Adeline Farms from the original agreement

President Corona had said that we were waiting for them to send us an amendment, but it turns out after Counsel had looked at it, they decided that since RCA hadn't signed it, we didn't have to have an amendment. We just took out the exhibit and they signed it, so we're all good with RCA right now. Regional Conservation Authority, now they've put their MSHCP over the Greer Ranch location.

Item 2-Discussion and update on Crop Swap and Water Audits

President Corona indicated that the crop swap and water audit programs were going pretty well and Corona just forwards on to Lance. Lance works with Mission RCD and he is our project water auditor and crop swap auditor. We just received a bill for Associate Director Neugebauer's client wanted a water audit and he's one of the customers we have. Lance will call the customer once we have gone and done all the paperwork and we oversee the project till the end and then we end up doing also the billing too. We receive a bill from Mission and then we also bill Rancho California Water District for our work.

Item 3- Discussion and update on FVS Partners and Mission Pacific Land Company Endowment Agreement-

President Corona sent a letter via the board last month agreeing to send an updated letter that was included in the packet. As of the time of the meeting she had not heard back. She sent an email to FVS and also sent it via regular mail that basically says that we're waiting to have a response. We have a deadline date of March 1st, 2018, but we have not heard from them since the end of October. There hasn't been any effort to deal or address this endowment that we've asked for, and so I sent a hard copy to their offices, to both Karl Osmundson and Jason Keller. I also copied Fish and Wildlife, Army Corps Engineers, and Flood Control so they are aware that if this doesn't happen. What TEAM RCD wants is to have some dialogue. This discussion was to note that TEAM RCD has not received anything back at the moment, and TEAM RCD or the President has not been called or contacted.

Item 4-Discussion and update and potential approval of the TEAM RCD 2018 Work Plan and the 5 year Strategic Plan- Michael was not present but Neugebauer was at the meeting. Neugebauer had no comment currently. It was recommended to table and asked all to review the document and wait for approval and the next meeting.

Item 5-Update on Compilation for 2016-2017- President Corona stated they are completed, they are sent, and they're just copies in your packet. Everything has been completed for the compilation that has gone to the County

and it is also gone to the State, and this last piece which is the financial transactions record has also gone to the State. We have completed that obligation.

Item 6: Discussion and reminder for form 700s, ethics training and harassment training. Everybody has to do form 700s. I have Stacy's, I have mine. We need to get one from you, Rick, from Randy, from Michael, from Dave, and from you Judy. Ethics training, all of the board of directors have to do ethics training. The compliance training is on line on March 13 10-12. Link will be sent to everyone. Its from the California Special Districts Association. on demand Webinars are also available. By completing these documents we can show we are a viable Resource Conservation District.

VII-NEW BUSINESS

Item 1-Update of potential collaboration with IERCD for grant proposals and other funding opportunity from the California Watershed Protection Fund- this was a duplication on action items

ITEM 2- Discussion update of potential violations and the role of TEAM RCD in expediting and collaborating with agencies to expedite information. President Corona received another e-mail from a gentleman named Smalley who is worried about a violation on another piece of property. President Corona just wanted to make the Board aware that we're actually being acknowledged as possibly a place where the public can get information and direction regarding potential violations.

This gentleman has quite a big complaint about a blue line stream. It's very long and lengthy, but he has contacted Flood Control and he has contacted Army Corp. Property is Camino Del Vino and Los Nogales. Responded stating TEAM RCD doesn't have any enforcement authority. It is the intent of TEAM RCD to acknowledge every request and direct the individual to the proper authority. President Corona indicates that she did respond to Mr. Smalley to let him know that it appears that he is following the proper channels to get through." President Corona copied the people that he needs to deal with and so he's moving forward. Associate Director Neugebauer asked what the complaint was. The complaint it says here is that "they (the other property owner that Smalley claims to be in violation) have displayed a flagrant disregard for county rules and authority by starting grading without approval. They were hoping that no one would notice and that the County would not connect the dots about the grading before approval for the zoning exception. This behavior was reported to Code Enforcement December 29th, 2017, and a stop work order red tag was put in place January 19th, 2018. They moved to thousand cubic yards of dirt without the required soil erosion control measures. It's very long. I'll be happy to forward this to you.

ITEM 3- Update on Mission Trails Apartment project and request from Julie Beeman of VCS Environmental to have permission to use Arlee Montalvo for specified work in Lake Elsinore- This lady's name is Dr. Ali Montalvo, she holds two formal positions. She's a senior plant restoration ecologist for the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District and associate at the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences at the University of California, Riverside.

She is well published and is a co-author of *Elegantly Simple and Useful, Flora of the Santa Ana River and Environs*. They needed to have an assessment to examine a borrow pit in the back basin at Lake Elsinore where there's an apartment complex that wants to go in, but he needs to have a very good idea whether that's even possible. I told her that if Fish and Wildlife felt that this was the only people that could do it, that they're welcome to go ahead and do the survey on behalf of Team RCD because we already have an MOU with RCRCD. They only had an extremely small window. I just wanted to let you know I went ahead. We have a MOU with RCRCD so we are able to go forward.

ITEM 4- Discussion of Forestry Program needs assessment- President Corona tabled item number four. Discussion of forestry program needs assessment inquiry because TEAM RCD is going to focus on the watershed and grant proposal.

ITEM 5-Discussion of Team RCD policy and procedure manual. Each Director was sent a 300-page draft, updated. President Corona is asking all Directors to read through it and make any suggestions to enable a vote at the next meeting to get approved for Grant Requirements

VIII ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS

1.NRCS- Bob Hewitt- We have one applicant to apply for assistance from the equip program who got pre-approved that started in a winery to putting some of gray lines for some guy that they held last year when it actually rained. It's

still there because it hasn't done much, rain-wise. Then we had several other people that applied. Anyway, we hope to get probably three or four more people ready for our next batching period. We call it batching periods, expanding periods in April and we have the last one will be in June, barring any other government malfunctions. The last thing is that NRCS has been working with Meadowview HOA. they're supposed to have a last board meeting with the supervisors and I think to have Flood Control do their thing. Then they're trying to get some vegetation removal early this spring, but I don't think the creating project will start till fall after the nesting season which they'll land in August, middle of August or something.

2. TEAMRCD – DIRECTOR REPORTS

Rose Corona- Due to the budget constraints of the county, President Corona announced that she was informed that TEAM RCD can no longer be represented by County Counsel. They simply do not have the bodies to do the work. Corona stated until we can get handed off, County Counsel will do what they need to have a smooth transition. TEAM RCD will look into finding another outside Counsel.

Dave Kuhlman-absent

Mike Newcomb-absent

Stacy Kuhns-no report

Judy Gugliemana- no report

3. Associate Director Reports-

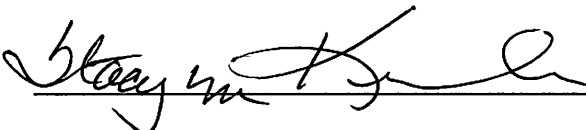
Rick Neugebauer- Director Neugebauer mentioned that he is working on a project that could be a potential Mitigation Bank for TEAM RCD that might be managed by SAWA. But at this time there is no further information. He will keep the Board informed if something transpires.

Randy Feeney-absent, no report

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT With no further business, President Corona made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Gugliemana seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

 4/12/2018

Secretary/Treasurer Date