

MINUTES

TEAMRCD

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:00 PM

Truax Building
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor
Temecula, CA 92590

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Flag Salute (skipped – no flag)

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum:

Directors Present: Rose Corona (President); Dave Kuhlman, Carol Lee Brady (Secretary-Treasurer), Michael Newcomb

Directors absent: Judy Guglielmana

Associate Directors Present: Randy Feeney (arrived late)

Associate Directors Absent: Rick Neugebauer

District Counsel Absent: Tawny Lieu, Greg Priamos

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) Present: Bob Hewitt

Office Manager Present: Dave McElroy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Corona requested a motion to approve the agenda. Director Brady moved to approve, and Director Kuhlman seconded. Call for vote. **Motion passed 3-0.**

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

President Corona called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, all Correspondence and General Information with an addition of one bill for \$670.00 to Mission RCD for water audits, and asked Office Manager McElroy to remind the new accountant at Mission of ongoing documentation requirements.

Director Brady also requested an addition of an invoice for an expense that had been in the previous agenda packet as "to be paid" for Office Manager services; but was not included in the July 13, 2017 agenda packet to correspond with the payment made. She asked that it be included as a cross-referenced item for bills paid and provided a hard copy handout.

President Corona moved to amend the agenda to include the aforementioned items. Director Kuhlman seconded. Call for vote. **Motion passed 4-0.**

President Corona then moved to approve the agenda as amended, and called for a vote. Director Kuhlman seconded. Call for vote. **Motion passed 4-0.**

V. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item 1: Nomination and Election of Officers for year 2017-2018

President Corona opened the floor for nominations, and Director Kuhlman nominated Rose Corona for President of the Board. There were no other nominations and Director Brady seconded the nomination. Call for vote. **Motion passed in favor of Rose Corona as President 4-0.**

President Corona then nominated Dave Kuhlman for Vice President of the Board. No other nominations. Director Brady seconded. Call for vote. **Motion passed in favor of Dave Kuhlman as Vice President 4-0.**

For the final nomination, President Corona nominated Carol Lee Brady for Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. No other nominations. Director Kuhlman seconded the nomination. Call for vote. **Motion passed in favor of Carol Lee Brady as Secretary/Treasurer 4-0.**

President Corona closed the nominations and moved to the next item.

Item 2: Discussion and potential vote for member to CSDA Board of Directors – Southern Region

President Corona turned the floor over to Mr. McElroy who summarized the item and named the candidates running (listed in the Board Packet.) He asked if the Board would like to submit a vote for any of the candidates. President Corona asked if any of the TEAM RCD directors knew any of them. Director Brady said she wasn't personally acquainted with any of them; but she had read their candidate statements and background information and was impressed by the qualifications and current leadership of the incumbent, Arlene Schaefer.

President Corona made a motion to submit a vote by TEAM RCD for Arlene Schaefer, and Director Brady seconded. No further discussion. **Call for vote. Motion passed 4-0.**

Item 3: "Getting the Most Conservation from your Director Time" Seminar August 4, 2017 Riverside

Mr. McElroy introduced the item and summarized the item as informational.

Item 4: Discussion of potential MOU with Riverside County Flood Control

President Corona provided an update and said that she had met with Mark Wills and Bob Cullen at the Benton Channel because there was construction of a box culvert that TEAM RCD had noticed in a prior walk-through of the area, and Fish & Wildlife had not been aware of the project. The meeting with Mr. Wills and Mr. Cullen was to provide clarification as to the scope that would be required of TEAM RCD since the original Conservation Easement was very general and did not specify areas of responsibility or the extent of monitoring requirements (and additional work that had since been deemed necessary). One example they found during the on-site meeting was substantial standing water and mosquitos, which generated productive conversation and an agreement that ongoing communication and meetings would be a plus.

Director Brady noted that the on-site visit revealed some conditions that may aid in future estimates of costs for maintenance in perpetuity; and Director Kuhlman said that President Corona's efforts in reaching out to other entities were also helping TEAM RCD coordinate at a local level.

There was further detailed discussion regarding the scope of work and associated costs as well as timeline. Mr. McElroy reminded the Board that there would be a meeting with Fish & Wildlife the following Thursday.

Item 5: Discussion and potential approval to send out RFP's for Biological Monitoring of District Easements.

President Corona clarified that the item was a request on her part to send out RFPs for biological monitoring normally done at Adeline Farms' Sinclair Ranch; and asked if there were any questions.

Director Brady inquired about the mapping of the area and whether it had been updated; and Director Kuhlman had the same question. President Corona said that the RFP would be based on a larger area and not just on the segment originally covered.

President Corona asked for a motion to approve sending out RFPs for biological monitoring; Director Kuhlman so moved and President Corona seconded. Call for vote. **Motion passed 4-0.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1: Discussion of Due Diligence application with CDFW

Mr. McElroy reported that he was working on assembling items needed to get started on the application and one of those items is to have bios of Board

members on the website. He asked the directors to provide the information to him along with a photo that could be posted.

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

Mr. McElroy said that the program was going well and there are about three CropSwap and three water audits in progress with perhaps one more showing interest.

Item 3: Benton Channel Update

President Corona noted that this item had been covered in previous discussion during item 4.

Item 4: Update on financials, reporting obligations, compilation, auditor's year end reports

President Corona referred to a handout profit and loss for the Board's review. She noted that she had asked the bookkeeper to prepare reports on an accrual basis, and that total expenses had been cut in half from the prior year, with roughly \$53,800 in the year '15-'16 and total expenses of about \$26,000 this year. All developers that had been owed refunds have been paid back, and that account has been emptied with all obligations met. She noted that TEAM RCD is back on track with timely reporting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President Corona invited Mr. Hewitt (NRCS) to speak at this point in the meeting. He reported that there had been a few modifications needed in finalizing the contract and that design changes were done and next step would be to have them signed by the state engineer.

VIII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS

1. District Counsel Gregory P. Priamos/Tawny Lieu – not present

2. TEAMRCD Director Reports Open

Rose Corona – President Corona reported that she had met with the Mayor Maryann Edwards to look at ways to collaborate with TEAM RCD. One of the ways that was discussed was to partner in addressing the ongoing homeless problem which is in the watershed. There was discussion on the topic including some detail of the condition of the areas affected. Director Brady noted that the topic had been in a segment in Jeffries' Journal as a top-down initiative as well, and that Temecula's construction projects may have intensified the problem locally. The Board agreed that it would be a good future agenda item for further discussion.

Dave Kuhlman – nothing to report
Carol Lee Brady – nothing to report
Judy Gugliemana – not present
Michael Newcomb – nothing to report

3. Associate Director Reports Open

Rick Neugebauer – not present
Randy Feeney – nothing to report

4. SAWA/Fire Safe Reports Rick Neugebauer, Representative – not present

Office Manager Dave McElroy reported that the memo with RCA is under review by District counsel. He also noted that the Department of Conservation grant has not yet finalized the forms needed in order to request draws.

He went on to report that the application for the CARCD grant for facilitating TEAM RCD's long-range visioning is still being deliberated.

Finally, he said that he and President Corona had been in contact with a representative of the San Diego Water Quality Control Board who has jurisdiction over the Santa Margarita Watershed, and that she may attend the next TEAM RCD Board meeting.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Item 1: Update and discussion regarding ad hoc committee for additional content for website and potential approval for process in presentation of content to the Board for approval and approval of content by Counsel.

X. ADJOURNMENT

President Corona moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Kuhlman seconded. Call for vote. **Motion passed 4-0**



Carol Lee Brady -Secretary/Treasurer



Date