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RCD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA

Tuesday, May 17, 6:00 p.m.

District Office, 3585 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA

Guests are encouraged to RSVP by 11 a.m. on Tuesday May 17th, to (925) 371-0154 ext. 113. Materials provided to the Board will be available at the RCD office the morning of the 17th.

CALL TO ORDER and PRELIMINARY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL OF THE DIRECTORS

Paul Banke, President; Directors Becky Dennis, Brenda Vieux, Tim Koopmann

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF

Staff: Kent Reeves, Marilyn Harvey, Alyson Aquino, NRCS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion	The Board adopts the Agenda.
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BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES – *Written Minutes*

Staff Recommendation	The Board accepts the Minutes of the April 18, April 27, and May 3, 2011 Board Meetings.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

1. President Paul Banke
2. Executive Officer Kent Reeves
3. NRCS District Conservationist Alyson Aquino

STAFF PRESENTATION – Farm & Ranch Roads

CONSENT CALENDAR – Items for action without discussion unless requested for separate discussion by Director or member of the Public or staff

4. Consent Calendar Items
 - a. The Board authorizes the Executive Officer to sign permits and access agreements for the Arroyo de la Laguna Stream Restoration Demonstration Project at Verona Bridge.

Motion	The Board approves the recommendations and reports presented in the Consent Calendar.
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REGULAR CALENDAR

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Becky Dennis and Tim Koopmann

- 5. Financial Reports – See written report
- 6. Preliminary 2011-2012 Budget

Committee Recommendation	The Board accepts the Finance Committee’s meeting summary and financial reports.
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CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE: Resource Conservationist

Re-Open Meeting and Report from Closed Session

NEW BUSINESS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – Brenda Vieux and Tim Koopmann

- 7. Committee Report – See written report

Committee Recommendation	The Board accepts the Conservation Committee Summary and recommendations.
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- 8. SFPUC Task 10 Watershed Center update

CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

- 9. Monthly Team Report – *Written Report*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings

Board and Committee Meetings

June 20	June Board Meeting
June 9	Conservation Committee 3 PM (Van Hoorn)
TBD	Special Projects Committee (Charbonneau)
June 9	Finance Committee (Harvey) 4 PM
TBD	Education and Outreach Committee (Evans)

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER and PRELIMINARY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Conducted by President Banke at 6:26 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF THE DIRECTORS

Paul Banke, President; Directors Becky Dennis, Brenda Vieux, Tim Koopmann

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF

Staff: Kent Reeves, Marilyn Harvey, Pete Van Hoorn

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: The Board adopts the Agenda by unanimous consent, with removal of the Staff Presentation, as moved by Dir. Koopmann and seconded by Dir. Vieux.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES – *Written Minutes*

Motion: The Board accepts the Minutes of the April 18, 2011 Board Meeting, by unanimous consent, as moved by Dir. Koopmann and seconded by Dir. Vieux.

Motion: The Board accepts the Minutes of the April 27, 2011 Board Meeting, by unanimous consent, as moved by Dir. Koopmann and seconded by Dir. Vieux.

Director Dennis inquired as to the status of the final Agreement between the RCD and The Acorn Group. Dir. Banke wants to assure that the final signed copies of the agreement are archived in the Board Minutes for all agreements. The contract is out for signature. Marilyn noted that a final copy would be attached to the minutes of the previous board meeting, and that this is standard office practice.

Motion: The Board accepts the Minutes of the May 3, 2011 Board Meeting, by unanimous consent, as moved by Dir. Dennis and seconded by Dir. Koopmann.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Miscellaneous announcements by partner organizations were circulated for review.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

1. President Paul Banke

President Banke is concerned about the situation with Alyson having to cover both the Livermore and Contra Costa offices since her previous position has not been posted. One of his questions is can the NRCS Contribution Agreement be extended until the Contra Costa position is filled. President Banke will discuss with Daniel Mountjoy.

2. Executive Officer Kent Reeves

Kent recognized staff for filling in with tasks that Maria was handling. Also, recognized Pete and Amy for their work with the Farmers and Ranchers Grant.

Kent reported that there is an EACCS letter written to address the concerns. No PLCS meetings during the last month. President Banke and Kent are trying to set-up an appointment to meet with Chris Bazar. Chris doesn't believe that the return of PLCS funds needs to go through the Board of Supervisors. Dir. Dennis expressed her concern over customer service and issuing refunds as soon as possible.

Kent discussed the Revenue Development Committee and what Grant possibilities are out there. Dir. Dennis requested updates in writing to the Board stating opportunities and amounts.

Farm & Ranch Cleanup – announced at the Farm Bureau meeting and the Winegrowers included the information in their newsletter.

Planning with Ray Leatherwood is scheduled for May 25th from 12 – 5:30 p.m. Directors are requested to come by 2:30 p.m., earlier if available.

Kent reported that there are two participants for Range Camp.

Dir. Dennis asked Kent if there were any meetings that Kent would like to attend, and Kent said no.

3. NRCS District Conservationist Alyson Aquino (call-in)

Alyson was sick but phoned in and gave her report. She reported that she will be going to the State Office on Friday to meet with staff and go over funding, with the recent budget issues this is important. Alyson discussed the Earmark 2010, outreach, rapid watershed assessment and the potential for projects.

The position for Contra Costa District Conservationist has not been posted. Alyson will still be covering both offices until an Acting District Conservationist is appointed.

STAFF PRESENTATION – Farm & Ranch Roads

Removed from agenda

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4. Consent Calendar Items

- a. The Board authorizes the Executive Officer to sign permits and access agreements for the Arroyo de la Laguna Stream Restoration Demonstration Project at Verona Bridge.

Motion: The Board approves the recommendations and reports presented in the Consent Calendar, as moved by Dir. Dennis and seconded by Dir. Vieux, with Dir. Koopmann abstaining.

REGULAR CALENDAR

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Becky Dennis and Tim Koopmann

5. Financial Reports – See written report

Marilyn presented the financial statements including the Accounts Receivable, Cash Balance, Cash Flow, and Profit/Loss report.

6. Preliminary 2011-2012 Budget

The preliminary budget, along with the assumptions, were reviewed. The budget includes all projects that have agreements in place.

Motion: The Board accepts the Finance Committee's meeting summary and financial reports, by unanimous consent, as moved by Dir. Koopmann and seconded by Dir. Vieux.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:10 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE: Resource Conservationist

Re-Open Meeting and Report from Closed Session – 8:50 p.m.

President Banke reported that the Board has given direction to Kent to handle employment change.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – Brenda Vieux and Tim Koopmann

7. Committee Report – See written report

Pete reviewed the written report. Update on Verona Bridge – we are moving forward with all the landowners and permitting agencies and CEQA, and hope to have final approvals in July and implementation starting in August. The timeline is tight and several of the partners have slow turn-around times, so we may need to implement in 2012 if approvals are too late. The second Arroyo project, at the confluence of Sheep Camp Creek, is about to go out to bid.

Pete reviewed the CRLF workshop, which was a big hit, and the CTS workshop scheduled for next month. Morpheus will be holding a Road Workshop at the end of September.

Motion: The Board accepts the Conservation Committee Summary, by unanimous consent, as moved by Dir. Koopmann and seconded by Dir. Dennis.

8. SFPUC Task 10 Watershed Center update

Pete handed out documentation to support Task 10, and discussed the reference checks. The references generally confirmed the impressions given by each firm's qualifications and experience. All were positive, but one focused mainly on facilitating charettes and did not include concept drawings in the final report, and a second was stronger in architecture and might be difficult to work with in a situation where only interpretive design was needed and the actual architecture and design implementation would be done by other parties.

CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

9. Monthly Team Report – *Written Report*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special RCD Board Meeting scheduled for June 7th at 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Board and Committee Meetings

June 20	June Board Meeting
June 7	Conservation Committee 3:30 PM (Van Hoorn)
TBD	Special Projects Committee (Charbonneau)
June 7	Finance Committee (Harvey) 2:00 PM
TBD	Education and Outreach Committee (Evans)

ADJOURNMENT at 9:15 p.m.