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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

EIGHT-HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH MEETING

Monday April 26, 2021—6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order via Zoom videoconference by President R.C. Brody at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Beth Burnam, Nancy Helsley and Steve Rosentsweig on the videoconference. Director Laurie Price was absent. Also on the videoconference were Associate Directors Deborah Klein Lopez and Dennis Washburn (joined at 6:50 p.m.), Executive Officer Clark Stevens, Finance & Operations Officer John Hendra and Senior Conservation Biologist Rosi Dagit (exited at 7:00 p.m.).
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Glenn Bailey, RCD representative to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee (SBWASC).
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - Mr. Bailey reported that the SBWASC is having a special meeting tomorrow to discuss pesticide use in the Sepulveda Basin. He requested that somebody attend from the RCD who has a better understanding of the RCD's position on this issue.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meeting of March 22, 2021: after review, the Board approved the minutes without change. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Helsley; approved 4-0.**
5. **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of Claims for March 2021 and review of financial reports through March 31, 2021: the Board reviewed the Claims for March and the financial statements through March, then approved both. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 4-0.**
6. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
 - A. Informational presentation by Senior Conservation Biologist on Research & Restoration department work and funding, including the Topanga Lagoon project: Ms. Dagit discussed the various project the Research & Restoration Department is working on, starting with Topanga Lagoon. She detailed the funding for this project from the Coastal Conservancy, CDFW Prop. 1, Wildlife Conservation Board and others, and laid out the project timeline over the next few years. She

then reviewed the Topanga Elementary School trees project, Trippet Ranch Oak Restoration, Bad Beetle iNaturalist project, goby study, stream surveys with newt/frog skin sampling, crayfish removal efforts, southern steelhead trout surveys, and turtle survey. The Board thanked Rosi for her good work.

- B. Update on potential office relocation planning: Mr. Stevens referred the Board to his report but summarized progress to date. LVMWD is expected to provide a proposal in the next month.
- C. Approval of donation to the Richard Lee Campbell Envirothon Scholarship Fund: Ms. Helsley is still researching issues surrounding this topic and will report back at the next meeting. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

7. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT**: there was no report.

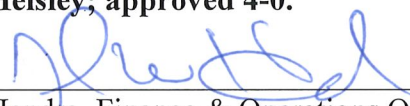
8. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**:

- A. Staff Reports for March 2021:
 - i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer
 - ii. John Hendra, Finance & Operations Officer
 - iii. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist
 - iv. Kelly Kazmirchuk, Education Supervisor

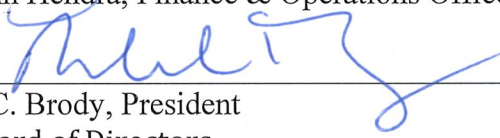
9. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**: there were no comments.

10. **CLOSED SESSION**: Personnel (Government Code Section 54957)—Executive Officer annual performance evaluation: the Board entered closed session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss the Executive Officer's evaluation form and prepare a response, then concluded the closed session and reopened the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m. The Board announced that no action was taken.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Helsley; approved 4-0.**

Submitted by: 
John Hendra, Finance & Operations Officer

Date: 7/1/2021

Approved by: 
R.C. Brody, President
Board of Directors

Date: 7/1/2021