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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

EIGHT-HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

Monday November 28, 2022—6:00 P.M.

## MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order via Zoom videoconference by President R.C. Brody at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Beth Burnam, Nancy Helsley, Laurie Price and Steve Rosentsweig on the videoconference. Also on the videoconference were Associate Directors Deborah Klein Lopez and Dennis Washburn, Executive Officer Clark Stevens, and Finance & Operations Officer John Hendra.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Brooks Engelhardt, NRCS District Conservationist; Glenn Bailey, past Director and RCD representative to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee; Jamie Quarfeld, NRCS Soil Conservationist; Michael Hart, District resident.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
  - Mr. Hart has a proposal that would have the RCD run a cemetery on the LVMWD conservation property. Mr. Brody asked him to discuss the proposal with Mr. Stevens and decide how to move forward.
  - Mr. Bailey alerted the Board that the Los Angeles City Council is creating a vision statement which might include changes to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area usage.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for meetings of October 24, 2022: the Board reviewed the minutes and voted to approve them as presented. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Burnam; approved 4-0 with Ms. Price abstaining.**
5. **MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS:** Approval of Claims for October 2022 and review of financial reports through October 31, 2022: the Board inquired as to how deposits are done and asked Mr. Hendra to talk to the auditor about an alternate process in case of his absence. The Board also asked Mr. Hendra to provide protocols for how to follow up on outstanding receivables. They then voted to approve the financial reports for October 2022 and the Claims report for October 31, 2022. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Price/Ms. Burnam; approved 5-0.**

## 6. REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Resolution No. 2022-11-01: Proclaiming a local emergency exists, re-ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by executive order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the RCDSMM for the period November 29, 2022 to December 28, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions: the Board reviewed the current COVID situation and decided that meeting remotely is the safest means for Directors, staff and the public. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Helsley/Ms. Burnam; approved 5-0.**
- B. Approval of grant funding of \$90,493 from the CA Department of Parks and Recreation to fund two years of non-native crayfish removal from Malibu Creek State Park and Topanga State Park: the Board reviewed the deliverables and budget, then voted to approve accepting the grant. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Burnam/Ms. Price; approved 5-0.**
- C. Consideration and possible Board action regarding upcoming changes to the Brown Act with respect to virtual attendance at Board meetings upon the Governor's termination of the state of emergency: the Board discussed AB 361, AB 2449 and how they wanted to move forward with meetings after February 28, 2023. The Board requested staff to look into what technology is needed to hold hybrid meetings and report back to the Board on cost.
- D. Discussion and vote for one candidate for the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Voting Member seat: the Board considered the credentials of the four candidates and voted to approve Steve Appleton for the LA LAFCO Special District Voting seat. The Board asked that in the future staff forward election materials and grant information as soon as possible if it must be approved at the upcoming meeting. **Moved/Seconded: Ms. Price/Mr. Rosentsweig; approved 5-0.**
- E. Presentation on water supply, wildfire technology and energy production by Associate Director Dennis Washburn: Mr. Washburn reported on new technology that can make water from the atmosphere and a system that can sense fire or fire-prone weather to humidify the atmosphere around a structure. He also commented on the protection offered by the Fire Department helicopter at Bravo 69.

## 7. USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

**REPORT:** Mr. Engelhardt reported that his NRCS office is doing a lot of conservation plans, mostly for water efficiency. EQIP deadline for 2022 is Dec. 5th. Ms. Quarfeld reported that her office is ramping up the urban office. They will be doing interviews next week for a conservationist for the Compton office. She is also meeting with TreePeople for a conservation initiative.



8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Staff Reports for October 2022:

- i. Clark Stevens, Executive Officer: Mr. Stevens reported on negotiations with LVMWD. The water district will need to bid out the work and it will be prevailing wage, so we are probably three months from final cost estimate.
- ii. John Hendra, Finance & Operations Officer
- iii. Rosi Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist
- iv. Marilyn Brody French, Education Supervisor

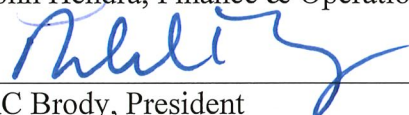
9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Price is the RCD's delegate to the CARCD annual business meeting and asked if the Board had anything they wanted brought up at the meeting. Mr. Washburn suggested supporting anything that will bring money to the districts. Mr. Stevens suggested caution regarding any changes to Division 9 of the Public Resources Code.
- Ms. Price also updated the Board on activities of the DEI Committee. Mr. Hendra will send around the minutes from the meeting.
- Mr. Rosentsweig congratulated Ms. Klein Lopez on her re-election to the Agoura Hills City Council.
- Ms. Helsley reported that Envirothon is still building their Resource Advisory Panel

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. **Moved/Seconded: Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Helsley; approved 5-0.**

Submitted by:   
John Hendra, Finance & Operations Officer

Date: 3/13/23

Approved by:   
RC Brody, President  
Board of Directors

Date: 3/27/23