

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Director

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Director

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### EIGHT-HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST MEETING

**Monday January 27, 2025—6:00 P.M.**

Location: RCD District Office, 4505 Las Virgenes Road, Suite 215, Calabasas

## Minutes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** this meeting was called to order by President R.C. Brody at 6:00 PM. A quorum was established with Directors Richard Brody, Beth Burnam, Nancy Helsey and Riki Clark in attendance. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Debroah Klien Lopez and Dennis Washburn District manager Tracy Lovric, Administrative Operations Manager Lisa Rand and Controller Art Renzi were also present. Director Laurie Price joined virtually through zoom.
- 2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Brooks Engelhardt (NRCS), Glenn Bailey, Cindy Solovei (Agility Financial), Chris Doran, and Steve Rosentweig. Staff members Shelly Backlar and Marilyn Brody French joined virtually
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Glenn Bailey spoke informationally on the recent fires in the Sepulveda Basin noting historically they are smaller fires but that was not the case this past year. Mr. Bailey addressed that this will be spoken about at the next Sepulveda Basin Board meeting and requested follow up at the next meeting.
- 4. USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:** Brooks Engelhardt gave a report on recent NRCS activities. He informed that 60 days post fires sponsors can come into the are to implement recovery programs in after the recent Palisades Fire. Mr. Engelhardt informed that NRCS and CALFIRE have teams waiting to come in an do post fire analysis. He also informed on general farm bills that are currently being offered with few recipients in out district.
- 5. MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for Board meeting on December. 16, 2024. The Board reviews the minutes and voted to approve them as presented. Ms. Burnam/Ms. Helsley approved 4-0
- 6. FINANCIAL REPORTING:**

- Controller Art Renzi informed that \$75K will be able to go back to reserves is being paid back this month
- Board President R.C Brody enquired if the organization is billing enough. It was noted by the controller Art Renzi that monthly overhead is approx. \$200k

## 7. REGULAR CALENDAR

- The reported out that there were three recent appointments to the board for 4 year terms ending November 24, 2028 for Director’s R.C. Brody, Beth Burnam and Riki Clark
- There was an election for a new Vice President of the Board. Director Lauire Price volunteered and was voted in favor 4-0
- Invitation offered to Chris Doran to become an Associate Director by President R.C. Brody. Mr. Doran accepted.
- President R.C. Brody opened a discussion on board members on subcommittees. Through discussion Director Lauire Price joined the personnel committee and Director Riki Clark joined the education committee along with Associate Director Dennis Washburn.

## 8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS: Staff Reports for November 2024 were presented in a board packet.

- District manager Tracy Lovric shared information on recent fish rescues, newly implement raptor program and informed the board of upcoming staff communication workshop.

## 9. DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Associate Director Dennis Washburn asked for status on the bats, turtles and birds impacted by the recent fires. Mr. Washburn also reported on a recent conference attendance and brought in a demo for a type of microscope that can be used for education field trips.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT: This meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM Ms. Helsey/Ms. Burnam 4-0

## 11. CLOSED SESSION: Opened at 7:40 PM, closed at 8:12 PM.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Rand, Administrative Operations Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
R.C. Brody, president, Board of Directors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_