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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**EIGHT-HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST MEETING**

**Monday April 28, 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, Nancy Helsley, Riki Clark and Laurie Price. Director Beth Burnam joined virtually as well as Associate Director Chris Doran. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Dennis Washburn and Deborah Klien Lopez, District Manager Tracy Lovric, Administrative Operations Manager Lisa Rand and Controller Art Renzi and Sr. Conservation Biologist Jamie King.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Brooks Engelhardt and Christine Chavez (NRCS); Staff members Jelly Kahler, Marilyn Brody French; Community member Roger Pugliese.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Puglise presented a notice from the Los Angeles County Fire Department on conceptual plans based on MRCA funding for vegetation fuel reduction throughout the county. Mr. Puglise noted that he is against proposed prescribed burns.
4. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:** Ms. Chavez NRCS Public Affairs and Outreach Specialist was introduced by Mr. Engelhardt. Mr. Engelhardt presented a summary of current programs being offered in the district including conservations stewardships program and water quality conservation plans.
5. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes from meeting on March 24, 2025. The Board reviewed the minutes and voted to approve them as presented. President R.C. Brody motioned to approve. Ms. Price/Ms. Helsley approved 4-0
6. **FINANCIAL REPORTING:** Controller A. Renzi gave a presentation of the previous month's financials and noted that \$75K would be replenished to reserves pending receipt of April tax payments. A finance committee meeting was held prior to the start of the regular board meeting.

## 7. REGULAR CALENDAR.

- A. Approval of Resolution No 2025-04-28 A.; Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and authorizing participation in the Special District Management Authority's health benefits program. Ms. Clark/Ms. Price approved 4-0
- B. Approval of Resolution No 2025-04-28 B; Authorizing acceptance of a social program grant from the third district Supervisor Horvath. Ms. Helsley/Ms. Price approved 4-0. District Manager Tracy Lovric noted that staff summaries will be included in the future.
- C. Approval of Resolution No 2025-04-28 C; Authorizing acceptance of grant from the safe, clean water program for environmental education programs and teacher workshops in the Santa Monica Mountains. Ms. Price/Ms. Helsley approved 4-0. Mr. Puglise requested to have information on what programs are offered.

8. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:** Staff Reports for March 2025 were presented in a board packet.

9. **DISTRICT MANAGER'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** District Manager Tracy Lovric gave a verbal report on current grants in development and recent meetings attended. Sr. Conservation Biologist Jamie King gave a presentation on the districts Topanga Lagoon restoration project as well as recent updates on the post fire status of Topanga Canyon Blvd.

10. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ms. Helsley reported that Envirothon was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Washburn requested the district investigate Carbon map for plant mapping.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** This meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM Ms. Price/Ms. Helsley approved 4-0

12. **CLOSED SESSION:** No closed session was held

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

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

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

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