

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

EIGHT-HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST MEETING

Monday June 23, 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 6:01 PM. A quorum was established with Directors Richard Brody, Riki Clark and Laurie Price with Director Nancy Helsey arriving in person at 6:10 PM. Director Beth Burnam joined virtually. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Dennis Washburn and Esther Feldman, District Manager Tracy Lovric, Administrative Operations Manager Lisa Rand, and community members Roger Pugliese and Alan Dorossett. Associate Directors Chris Doran and Deborah Klien Lopez, Brooks Engelhardt (NRCS) and staff members Art Renzi, Rosi Dagi and Shelly Backlar joined via Zoom. joined via Zoom.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Pugliese called attention to the concern of Topanga community members on variance #200900001 regarding a ridgeline in Topanga Canyon. Mr. Pugliese brought a copy of a letter of opposition from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy that is being given to the Los Angeles Regional Planning Committee at a hearing on 6/24/2025.
4. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:** Mr. Englehardt presented an update of NRCS programs and activities noting 2025 and 2026 applications are in process for various programs.
5. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes from meeting on May 19, 2025. The Board reviewed the minutes and voted to approve them as presented. President R.C. Brody motioned to approve. Ms. Price/Ms. Clark approved 3-0 (Mrs. Helsey not present for vote)
6. **FINANCIAL REPORTING:** Presentation of expenses & other reports, through May 2025
 - A. Report on Reserve Fund replenishment. Controller Art Renzi informed that a transfer of \$75K back to the reserve's has been initiated but has not yet been posted.

- B. Approval of updated Cash Disbursement Process that will require 1 board member signature and District Manager Signature, President R.C. Brody motioned to approve. Ms. Price/Ms. Clark approved 4-0

7. REGULAR CALENDAR.

- A. Vote on Associate Director application from Esther Feldman. President R.C. Brody motioned to approve. Ms. Pricey/Ms. Clark approved 4-0
- B. Approval of 2025-26 Budget. President R.C. Brody motioned to approve. Ms. Helsey/Ms. Price approved 4-0

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Staff Reports for May 2025:
 - i. Clark Stevens, Director of Resource Design
 - ii. Dan Cooper, Principal Conservation Biologist
 - iii. Rosi Dagit, Principal Conservation Biologist
 - iv. Marilyn Brody French, Director of Education
 - v. Shelly Backlar, Director of Community Resilience

9. DISTRICT MANAGER'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Principal Conservation Biologist Rosi Dagit gave a presentation on the biology team post fire work.
- B. District Manager Tracy Lovric requested to establish a board funding subcommittee. President R.C Brdy asked to have the item moved to the July agenda.

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Director Nancy Helsey reported on Envirothon initiatives for high schools to grow and sell micro greens at local farmers markets.
- B. Director Laurie Price gave an update on the DEIJ committee's upcoming changeover of staff.

11. ADJOURNMENT: This meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM Ms. Price/Ms. Clark approved 4-0

12. CLOSED SESSION

- A. District Manager upcoming review

Submitted By: _____
Lisa Rand, Administrative Operations Manager

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

Date: _____

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