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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

EIGHT-HUNDRED FIFTY-NINTH MEETING

Monday Nov. 18, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order by President R.C. Brody at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established with Directors Nancy Helsley, Laurie Price, and Steve Rosentsweig in attendance. Director Beth Burnam joined virtually. Also in attendance were Associate Directors Dennis Washburn and Deborah Klein-Lopez. Incoming District Manager Tracy Lovric, Executive Officer Clark Stevens and Office Manager/HR Specialist Lisa Rand were also present.
2. **CLOSED SESSION:** The meeting immediately went to closed session (6:00 – 6:06 p.m.), and the meeting reopened again at 6:10 p.m.
3. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** We were joined virtually by Cindy Solovei (virtually), as well as Jamie Quarfeld of NRCS. A roundtable introduction was done.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
5. **USDA/NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:** EQIP grant applications wrapped up; NRCS will be attending the CARCD conference in Sacramento. They will hopefully renewing another urban agriculture agreement.
6. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for Board meeting of Oct. 21, 2024. The Board reviewed the minutes and voted to approve them as presented. **Mr. Rosentsweig/Ms. Price; approved 4-0.**
7. **FINANCIAL REPORTING:**
 - Cindy is following up with auditor to restart process.
 - The Board's Finance Committee will be scheduling a meeting soon.
 - We could potentially move \$50-70,000 back into the reserve account next month (Dec. 2024); still investigating this.

8. REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. The agreement for the District Manager position was signed recently, and approval was granted for the DM to work remotely for two weeks in July. (**Ms. Price/Mr. Rosentsweig, approved 4-0.**)
- B. The various CARCD resolutions were reviewed and approved, and will be brought forward during the CARCD annual conference. Director Price will serve as our 1st delegate (to CARCD's business meeting), with Lisa Rand serving as the alternate delegate.
- C. Chair Brody re-signed the (7-page) joint tax resolution.

9. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- Staff Reports were presented for October 2024.

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Associate Director Washburn announced that the Santa Susana Field Lab was resuming public meetings on testing, and that RCDSMM staff should attend.
- Director Rosentsweig offered his continued commitment on the Board's Personnel Committee, and suggested meeting with the DM every six months to review goals.
- Director Burnam discussed developments within the Inyo and Mono Firewise Councils.
- Director Price discussed the recent JEDI (was DEI) committee meeting, held on 10/8.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. (**Ms. Helsley/Ms. Price; 4:0**)

Submitted by: _____
Dan Cooper, Deputy Executive Officer

Date: _____

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

Date: _____