SUMMARY MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Note: Agenda items are occasionally considered out of order to accommodate the schedules of guest speakers and/or members of the public in attendance for a specific item. The official minutes remain recorded in the same order as originally published in the official agenda.

Call to Order: President Castillo called the meeting to order. The following Directors were present: Roger Castillo, Bill Leikam and Jim Moore. Staff present (via teleconference): Executive Director Stephanie Moreno.

1. Approval of Agenda
   Motion: Approve the agenda as amended. (Moore/Leikam; 3-0-0)

2. Public Comment: None

3. Consent Agenda
   Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Leikam/Moore; 3-0-0)

4. Agency/Partner Reports
   4.1 Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS): ED Moreno reported that collaborative efforts with NRCS continue to be very positive.
   4.2 Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD): ED Moreno provided the Board with a brief update on the status of FAHCE.

5. Presentations:
   5.1 Pathways for Wildlife Grant Update/Coyote Valley Linkage Assessment Final Report. Tanya Diamond reviewed the Coyote Valley Linkage Assessment Final Report, which she prepared in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority through a grant with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

6. Projects and Programs
   6.1 Carbon Farming/Soil Health: ED Moreno updated the Board on discussions with NRCS, Loma Prieta, San Benito and East Stanislaus RCDs regarding potential RCPP or other program collaborations in the area of carbon farming and soil health.
   6.2 Tule Elk Habitat Restoration: ED Moreno updated the Board on her efforts to gather policy and program information, and is making arrangements to have a presenter at a future meeting.
   6.3 2016-17 Annual Work Plan: This item was continued to the June meeting.
7. **Administrative**
   7.1 CARCD Bay-Delta Regional Group: ED Moreno gave a summary report on the items discussed at the meeting hosted by the Dixon RCD.
   7.2 Board Member Recruitment: ED Moreno gave an update on status of the outreach efforts for a new director to replace a potential vacancy.
   7.3 Local Collaborations: ED Moreno recommended a policy to cover joint outreach efforts with and loans of equipment to community groups. The Board is interested having a policy draft brought back for consideration.

8. **GCRCD Director/Associate Director/Staff Reports**
   Director Leikam reported that he is continuing his administrative process with the City of Palo Alto to get his Baylands special use permit renewed in order to continue work on UWRP’s urban grant fox research project.

9. **Meeting was adjourned until June 12, 2016 (7:55 p.m.)**
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5.1 Minutes
5.1.1 Approve the minutes for the April 11, 2016 GCRCD Board meeting.

5.2 Financial
5.2.1 Approve the revenue and expenditure report for April 2016.

5.3 Grants and Agreements
5.3.1 Authorize the ED to negotiate and sign an agreement with Balance Hydrologics, Inc. to provide technical assistance relating to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Local Assistance Grant Agreement P1582106 (*Modeling Climate Change Effects on Pond Hydroperiods in the Coyote Valley.*)

5.3.2 Authorize the ED to sign an agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency (SCVHA) in order to accept match funding for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Local Assistance Grant Agreement P1582106 (*Modeling Climate Change Effects on Pond Hydroperiods in the Coyote Valley.*)

5.3.3 Authorize the ED to negotiate and sign agreement with the California Academy of Sciences to provide technical services relating to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Agreement P1540031 (*Assistance, Collaboration, Oversight, Molecular and Morphological Labwork, and Lab Products, for/on the Genus Annellia.*)

5.3.4 Authorize the ED to negotiate and sign agreements with up to eight (8) independent contractors to provide technical services relating to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Agreement P1540031 (*Assistance, Collaboration, Oversight, Molecular and Morphological Labwork, and Lab Products, for/on the Genus Annellia.*)

5.4 Miscellaneous
5.4.1 Authorize registration for ED to attend the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) *Financial Management for Special Districts* training in August 2016.