Summary Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2015

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 at 6:15 p.m. The following Directors were present: Roger Castillo, Rick Lanman, Bill Leikam and Jim Moore.

1. Approval of Agenda: Executive Director Moreno requested correction of two errors on the Consent Agenda: Item 1.1 (should include minutes from October 26, 2015, and November 9, 2015), and Items 2 are numbered out of order.
   Motion: Approve the agenda as amended. (Leikam/Moore; 4-0-0)

2. Closed Session: The Board met in closed session to confer with Legal Counsel regarding the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Settlement Agreement and gave direction to staff.

Regular Session: The Board reconvened into regular session, and President Castillo reported out from closed session.

3. Public Comment: Richard McMurtry of the Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition encouraged the Board to play a role in partnerships he is developing to address watershed issues.

4. Consent Calendar: Executive Director Moreno requested that the Board move Item 2.1 to the regular agenda for discussion and that Item 4.2 be continued to a future meeting.
   Motion: Approve the consent agenda as revised. (Moore/Lanman; 4-0-0)

5. Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS): ED Moreno reported there is nothing to report from the Livermore office, and that the new District Conservationist will start in the Hollister office in January 2016.

6. Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)
   6.1 Ryan Heacock, Senior Environmental Planner, gave an update on activities in the Water Utilities Division, including FAHCE, and responded to questions from the Board.
   6.2 Afshin Rouhani, Engineering Unit Manager, gave an update on activities in the Watershed Operations Division, including an update on the agreement with the County on Ogier Ponds and outreach regarding the development of stream corridor priority plans.
   6.3 ED Moreno reported there is no new activity on the MOU with SCVWD for GCRCD to provide volunteer coordination services for creek cleanup activities.
   6.4 ED Moreno gave a report on the Guadalupe Watershed Integration Working Group (GWIWG) activities.
7. **Projects and Programs**

7.1 Alan Levanthal made a presentation on behalf of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, and the Board discussed with him the potential for collaborations between GCRCD and the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Council. He indicated they are particularly interested in having the District include references to their history in its public presentations.

7.2 Steve Holmes, South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition (SBCCC), gave an update on activities related to the grant funding his organization received from GCRCD.

7.3 Gary Jahns, GCRCD Associate Director, gave a report on a recent Aquatic Invasive Species workshop facilitated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

7.4 ED Moreno gave an update on the proposed February workshop and April field day for the NRCS-GCRCD Ranchers Outreach Program.

7.5 ED Moreno briefly reviewed the request from Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition for GCRCD to provide project management services for the Stevens Creek Fish Passage Partnership Proposal. The Board deferred action on the request until Richard McMurtry is available to discuss the request further.

7.6 Jack Ellwanger gave an update on the National Heritage Area proposal by the Pelican Network, and requested additional funding until the County approves a budget allocation for the project. The Board indicated continued funding of the NHA does not fit into its current funding priorities and took no action on the request.

8. **Administrative**

8.1 The final budget report and approval was continued until the next meeting.

8.2 ED Moreno announced it is time for the annual election of officers.

   *Motion:* Elect Roger Castillo as President and Rick Lanman as Vice-President for calendar year 2016. *(Moore/Leikam; 4-0-0)*

8.3 ED Moreno reviewed her request to pay for registration costs for President Roger Castillo to attend Certified Stormwater Inspector training offered by the National Stormwater Center.

   *Motion:* Approve reimbursement of registration costs and up to $150 in transportation costs for Roger Castillo to attend the training. *(Leikam/Moore; 4-0-0)*

9. **GCRCD Director/Staff Reports**

9.1 Director Leikam reported that he is looking for legal assistance for his urban gray fox permit, and that he was given a referral for a presentation to the Loma Prieta RCD.

9.2 Director Moore reported that while he had been hiking at Almaden Park this afternoon, he learned a dog on a leash had been attacked by a mountain lion.

9.3 Director Lanman mentioned a video of a puma taking a deer, and reported on recent research indicating that sea grass is increasing as a result of re-population of sea otters in the Monterey Bay region, and would like to see a similar project for the Bay Area.

9.4 ED Moreno provided information regarding expenditures, and indicated she is currently transitioning financial tracking and reports to Loma Prieta RCD; payroll responsibilities will remain with the current bookkeeping service at this time.

10. **Adjourn until January 11, 2016.**
Consent Agenda
December 14, 2015

1. Minutes
   1.1. Approve the minutes for the October 26, 2015, and November 9, 2015 GCRCD Board meetings.

2. Budget
   2.1. Accept revenue and expenditure report for November 2015, and authorize payment for checks in excess of $5,000.00. (Moved to regular agenda – 9.4).
   2.2. Review and accept County auditor reports.
   2.3. Notice of increase for health care premiums for the GCRCD group health care policy.

3. Grants and Agreements
   3.1. Adopt resolution and authorize Executive Director to approve required documents accepting the LAG grant award in the amount of $98,000 from CDFW to conduct a pond hydroperiod study in the Coyote Valley.
   3.2. Authorize Executive Director to sign an agreement with CDFW in the amount of $26,000 for GCRCD to provide contract services for a research project CDFW is conducting in conjunction with the California Academy of Sciences and universities in the University of California system.
   3.3. Authorize the Executive Director to sign a service agreement with Allan Renz to complete the 4H Livestock Watering Project installation approved for funding through a GCRCD grant to Santa Clara County UCCE.
   3.4. Authorize Executive Director to sign agreement with the County of Santa Clara regarding tax change on a parcel.
   3.5. Accept final Rose Foundation grant report prepared by Kit Gordo, Permanente Creek/Stevens Creek Alliance.

4. Miscellaneous
   4.1. Authorize membership in the California Special Districts Association.
   4.2. Authorize membership in the Bay Area Open Space Council. (continued to a future meeting).
   4.3. Approve 2016 Holiday Schedule.
   4.4. Notice of Executive Director vacancy with the Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition.