SUMMARY MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016
5:45 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 at 5:45 p.m. The following Directors were present: Roger Castillo, Rick Lanman, Mondy Lariz, Bill Leikam and Jim Moore. Staff present for all or portions of the meeting were Executive Director Stephanie Moreno and District Counsel Julie Gantenbein (via conference call).

1. Approval of Agenda
   Motion: Approve the agenda as amended. (Lanman/Lariz; 5-0-0)

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.

3. Reconvene to Regular Session 6:45 p.m.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Consent Agenda
   Motion: Approve the consent agenda as revised. (Lanman/Leikam; 5-0-0)

6. Projects and Programs
   6.1 GCRCD Grant Program: Review the current cycle’s grant applications and recommendations, and authorize the Executive Director to sign agreements with the organizations chosen to receive funding. Applicants were available to answer questions from the Board.
   6.1.1 Working Partnerships USA: Coyote Creek Invasive Plant Removal and Revegetation Project ($8,250.00): Richard McMurtry (Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition) presented the grant request on behalf of Working Partnerships and answered questions from the Board. ED Moreno reviewed the grant ratings and recommended approval subject to GCRCD review of the SCVWD grant request prior to submittal, and subsequent approval of that funding request by SCVWD.
   Motion: Approve up to $8,250.00 in matching funds for this project, and authorize the Executive Director to sign an agreement with Working Partnerships, subject to provision of the 3/18/16 SCVWD grant agreement being provided to GCRCD for approval prior to submittal and approval of the funding request by SCVWD (Lanman/Moore; 5-0-0)
6.1.2 California Native Garden Foundation: Aquaponics Grant ($5,000.00): Alrie Middlebrook presented on behalf of CNGF and answered questions from the Board. ED Moreno reviewed the grant ratings and recommended that this item be continued to give her time to work with Ms. Middlebrook on the grant application to refine their request and answer questions arising from the rating reviewer. The Board concurred with the ED’s recommendation.

6.1.3 Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition (SCCCC): Los Gatos Creek Temperature Modeling Study ($8,338.00): Richard McMurtry presented on behalf of SCCCC and answered questions from the Board. ED Moreno reviewed the grant ratings and recommended the Board not fund the grant request because it is unknown if the resulting data and/or report would be accepted and utilized by SCVWD. The Board concurred with the ED’s recommendation.

6.2 Consider request from Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition (SCCCC) for GCRCD to provide in-kind match for the Metcalf Ponds/Parkway Lakes Steelhead Habitat and Passage Improvement partnership project: Richard McMurtry, SCCCC, presented the request on behalf of the Campus Community Association, who will be submitting the partnership request to SCVWD. They are requesting GCRCD provide data it obtained to support the GCRCD's participation in FAHCE settlement negotiations as an in-kind contribution to the project, with an estimated value of $8,900. ED Moreno recommended approval of the in-kind contribution, subject to GCRCD review of the request prior to submittal and approval of the described partnership agreement by SCVWD.

Motion: Approve provision of LiDAR data as an in-kind contribution to this project, subject to provision of the SCVWD partnership agreement being provided to GCRCD for approval prior to submittal and approval of the funding request by SCVWD (Lariz/Lanman; 5-0-0)

6.3 Update on potential GCRCD applications to SCVWD for a Wildlife Habitat Restoration grant under the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Measure B): ED Moreno reviewed potential opportunities for grant applications, and requested the Board authorize her to prepare grant applications for submittal.

Motion: Authorize the ED to work with potential partners to identify and prepare grant application(s) for a SCVWD Wildlife Habitat Restoration Grant under the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Measure B). (Leikam/Lariz; 5-0-0)

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

7.1 District Conservationist Report – Livermore Office: No report.

7.2 District Conservationist Report – Hollister Office: New DC Erika Boyland introduced herself, distributed a written report to the Board, and answered questions from the Directors.

8. Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)

8.1 SCVWD Water Utilities Enterprise Report (Ryan Heacock, Senior Environmental Planner): Mr. Heacock reported there is a quarterly update scheduled for the SCVWD Board meeting on 2/9/16.

8.2 SCVWD Watershed Operations Report (Afshin Rouhani, Engineering Unit Manager): Mr. Rouhani gave a brief report and answered questions regarding SCVWD’s gravel augmentation and large woody debris study to identify suitable locations for steelhead within Santa Clara County streams.

9. Administrative

9.1 Update on Certified Stormwater Inspector training, completed by President Castillo: President Castillo reported on knowledge and skills learned during training.
9.2 Update on the *Listening Session on the Health of Western Forests*, attended by ED Moreno: ED Moreno gave a brief report on her attendance at the session, and potential interest from USFWS to collaborate on public outreach and education activities regarding the *Phytophthora* outbreak in Santa Clara County.

9.3 Update on the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition 2016 Summit: *Wildfire and Rangeland Management – Mediating Impacts to Conservation and Ranching*, attended by ED Moreno: ED Moreno provided a brief report to the Board on her attendance at the summit.

10. **GCRCD Director/Associate Director/Staff Reports**

Director Lariz reported that he was invited to speak at the event announcing the completion of the Evelyn Fish Ladder, and that there is a video of the event that might be suitable for posting on our website.

Director Castillo reported he was notified by San Francisco Baykeeper that he is a 2016 Blue Rivet Award winner. The ceremony will be held in San Francisco on February 28, 2016. He also shared photos he has taken of the creeks.

Director Lanman gave an update on Pacheco Dam and reviewed some of his current research.

11. **Meeting was adjourned until March 14, 2016.**
Consent Agenda (Item 5)
February 8, 2016

5.1 Minutes
5.1.1 Approve the minutes for the January 11, 2016 GCRCD Board meeting.

5.2 Budget
5.2.1 Accept the revenue and expenditure report for January 2016, and authorize payment for checks in excess of $5,000.00.
5.2.2 Review and accept County Auditor reports.

5.3 Grants and Agreements
5.3.1 Update on draft scope of work and budget for the agreement with CDFW to provide project support, assistance, collaboration, oversight, molecular and morphological work and lab products for work related to the distribution and genetic diversity of newly recognized, endemic legless lizard (Anniella sp.) species.
5.3.2 GCRCD Letter of Interest to the Rose Foundation for California Watershed Protection Fund funding for a project on Hicks and Pheasant Creeks.

5.4 Miscellaneous
5.4.1 Approve the Injury and Illness Prevention Program for Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD), required of California employers.