SUMMARY MINUTES
Special Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 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 at 6:06 p.m. Directors Rick Lanman and Bill Leikam were present.

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

2. Public Comment: None

3. Agency/Partner Reports
   3.1 Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS): None
   3.2 Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD): Jim Fiedler, SCVWD Chief Operating Officer, Water Utilities Division, made a presentation on the history of FAHCE and current efforts to improve and maintain the creeks, and answered questions from the Directors.

4. Watershed Protection/Enhancement
   4.1 Update on progress made by the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Technical Work Group (Dr. Joseph Merz, Cramer Fish Sciences). – Dr. Merz made a presentation and answered questions from the Directors and members of the public.
   4.2 Response to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Tentative Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for the Santa Clara Valley Water District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to implement the Upper Berryessa Creek Flood Risk Management Project. – ED Moreno reviewed the contents of the tentative order and her concerns regarding environmental considerations and mitigation monitoring. Chris Hakes, SCVWD Engineer, answered questions regarding the project.
       
       Motion: Authorize the ED to submit comments to the SFBRWQCB. (Leikam/Lanman; 3-0-0)

4.3 Discussion regarding the 2017 Nonpoint Source Grant Program Guidelines for the Clean Water Act section 319(h) and Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund. – ED Moreno reviewed the program guidelines, and indicated she would like to seek partners for a possible project involving rural roads, but the deadline is the date of the next meeting.
Motion: Authorize the ED to submit a grant application, subject to approval of an ad hoc grant committee (Castillo and Leikam) with up to $10,000 in match funding.  
(Leikam/Castillo; 3-0-0)

4.4 Consideration of a grant application to the California Natural Resources Agency’s Urban Rivers Grant Program. – ED Moreno reviewed the program guidelines, and indicated she would like to seek partners for a possible project involving riparian restoration using carbon sequestration practices, but the deadline is prior to the date of the next meeting.

Motion: Authorize the ED to submit a grant application, subject to approval of an ad hoc grant committee (Castillo and Leikam) with up to $5,000 in match funding.  
(Leikam/Castillo; 3-0-0)

4.5 Authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Trinity County Resource Conservation District to provide grant writing services. – ED Moreno reviewed the terms of a proposed agreement with Trinity County RCD to provide grant writing and identification services for GCRCD.

Motion: Authorize the ED to approve an agreement for grant services with Trinity County RCD for an amount not to exceed $5,000. (Leikam/Castillo; 3-0-0)

5. GCRCD Director/Associate Director/Staff Reports

6. Adjourn until the October meeting.