SUMMARY MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 10, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Note: Though agenda items may be 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.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Vice-President Rick Lanman. Directors Janet Burback and John Vidovich were present. President Roger Castillo arrived at 6:20 p.m., and requested Vice-President Lanman continue chairing the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda:
   Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Vidovich/Burback; 3-0-0)

3. Public Comment: None

4. Consent Agenda:
   Director Vidovich requested background on the Items 4.3.1, 4.3.2, and 4.3.3, which Executive Director (ED) Moreno provided.
   Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Burback/Vidovich; 3-0-0)

5. Partner Agency Updates:
   5.1 NRCS District Conservationist Report for Hollister Service Center: ED Moreno reported that there will be a new District Conservationists assigned to the Hollister Service Center.
   5.2 Santa Clara Valley Water District: The Directors discussed the joint Board meeting held by GCRCD and SCVWD on June 15, 2017. Director Lanman felt it was a productive first meeting. President Castillo expressed concern that the jointly approved seating for the meeting was rearranged without consulting with him as President, effectively separating GCRCD’s attorneys and staff from access to their Directors during the meeting, and causing potential conflict with the SCVWD staff. Director Vidovich, who did not attend the joint meeting, would like to see the Board follow-up by having one or two GCRCD Directors meet with SCVWD staff, including Garth Hall, regarding outstanding issues, including Scenario 4 modeling for FAHCE. ED Moreno updated the Board on efforts she and GCRCD’s attorneys have made to follow-up with SCVWD after the joint Board meeting. The Board agreed that ED Moreno would reach out to CEO Camacho to discuss outstanding issues, with a subsequent letter sent to the SCVWD Board of Directors if necessary.

6. Presentations:
   6.1 Urban Wildlife Research Project (UWRP): UWRP Director (and GCRCD Associate Director) Bill Leikam made a presentation on current efforts and future planning regarding wildlife corridors in northern Santa Clara County.
6.2  **Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition:** Richard McMurtry was unable to attend the meeting. ED Moreno gave a brief update on the status of the existing grant, and the Board agreed that future presentations to GCRCD should be held until work has been completed on the pilot program.

7.  **Projects and Programs:**

   7.1  **CDFA Healthy Soils Incentive Program:** ED Moreno requested authorization to submit a grant application in collaboration with the Loma Prieta RCD, Alameda RCD, the University of California Cooperative Extension and/or other local agencies for California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) Healthy Soils Incentive Program funding in an amount up to $250,000 for local demonstration projects. If authorization is granted, she will have the consultant begin work on an application with the other agencies.

   **Motion:** Authorize the Executive Director to prepare and submit a grant application as requested. (Burback/Castillo; 3-0-1; Vidovich abstained)

8.  **Administration:**

   8.1  **Statement of Financial Condition for Fiscal Year 2016-17:** Executive Director presented year-end reports for FY 2016-17 for review and approval.

   **Motion:** Accept the documents as presented. (Vidovich/Burback; 4-0-0)

   8.2  **Fiscal Year 2017-18 Fiscal Year Budget:** Executive Director presented two alternatives for the proposed budget for FY 2017-18 for review and approval. Alternative #1 was developed without receiving previously-anticipated SCVWD reimbursement for FAHCE consultants, and is projected to result in a net decrease in fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Alternative #2 was developed with SCVWD reimbursement, and is projected to result in an increase in fund balance at the end of the year. Matt Smiley, Farm Manager for the Farmer Veteran Coalition Farm at Martial Cottle Park was present to request allocation of up to $5,000.00 to build a refrigeration unit. After discussion by the Board, ED Moreno amended Alternative #1 to include Mr. Smiley’s request as an encumbrance of the proposed funding for New Community Grants, resulting in no net change to budget appropriations. The Board discussed the pros and cons of approving a budget that will further draw down reserves. The majority of Directors felt it important to continue funding for pre-existing commitments and the community grant program.

   **Motion:** Approve Alternative #1 as amended for the FY2017-18 District budget. (Vidovich/Burback; 3-1-0; Vidovich opposed)

9.  **GCRCD Director/Associate Director/Staff Reports:**

    Director Lanman reviewed information he developed regarding SCVWD’s proposed Pacheco Reservoir project, and reported that he had presented to the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission on July 26, 2017, at the invitation of Commission Chair Yoriko Kishimoto.

    Director Castillo reviewed some video observations he captured at Metcalf Ponds.

    Associate Director Larry Johmann reported that he testified at a Parks and Recreation meeting in Milpitas, and expressed concern regarding new home building occurring in floodplain areas of Coyote Creek.

10. **Adjournment**
Consent Agenda (Item 4)

4.1 Minutes
4.1.1 Minutes for the June 8, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

4.2 Financial
4.2.1 County of Santa Clara fund balance report for June 2017.
4.2.2 GCRCD financial records for July 2017.

4.3 Grants and Agreements
4.3.1 Authorization for Executive Director to executive agreement with CDFA to accept funding for the Healthy Soils Program Incentives Program Technical Assistance Workshop Grant in the amount of $4,000.00.
4.3.2 Authorization for Executive Director to amend agreement with Pelayo Alvarez in the amount of $3,000.00 to allow for implementation of amended NRCS Agreement 68-9104-5-273 Ranchers Outreach Program and to provide technical assistance for the CDFA Healthy Soils Program Incentives Program Technical Assistance Workshop Grant.
4.3.3 Authorization for Executive Director to amend agreement with Ben Wallace in the amount of $2,000.00 to provide technical assistance with the CDFA Healthy Soils Program Incentives Program Technical Assistance Workshop Grant and to help develop the Healthy Soils Incentive Program grant application.

4.4 Miscellaneous (Information Only)
4.4.1 GCRCD, California Trout, and Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations (PCFFA) comments in response to the Santa Clara Valley Water District’s (SCVWD) Notice of Public Scoping for the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) dated June 1, 2017 (Scoping Notice).
4.4.2 CSDA e-News article Districts No Longer in Danger of Dissolution without Due Process dated July 18, 2017.
4.4.4 Santa Clara County June 2017 LAFCO minutes (see Item 6; discussion regarding the preservation of agricultural lands).
4.4.5 Announcement of GCRCD/LPRCD Healthy Soils Program Workshop for producers wishing to apply for CDFA funding; August 22, 2017; 1:00-3:30 p.m.; Old City Hall Restaurant in Gilroy.
4.4.6 Flyer for Rural Roads Management workshop for agricultural producers and rural homeowners; September 20, 2017; Morgan Hill Community Center; co-hosted by GCRCD.