SUMMARY MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 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 6:17 p.m. by President Roger Castillo. Directors Janet Burback, Rick Lanman and Maya Esparza were present. Director Vidovich was absent.

2. Approval of Agenda:
   Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Lanman/Burback; 4-0-0)

3. Public Comment:
   Darrow Chu addressed the Board regarding the Berryessa Creek flood protection projects, and concerns regarding late construction impacts to endangered species, and storm water discharge/water quality issues.

4. Consent Agenda:
   Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Esparza, Burback; 4-0-0)

5. Presentations:
   Bay Area Commercial Fishing: Commercial salmon fisherman John Koeppen, Captain, F/V Lulu, made a presentation to the Board regarding salmon populations/migration, policy efforts, and educational opportunities, and answered questions from the Directors.

6. Partner Agency Updates:
   6.1 NRCS District Conservationist Report for Hollister Service Center: ED Moreno distributed a written report from NRCS Conservation Planner Drew Mather.

7. Projects and Programs:
   7.1 CDFA Healthy Soils Incentive Program: ED Moreno provided an update on the technical assistance workshop hosted by GCRCD and Loma Prieta RCDs on August 22, 2017, and the joint decision not to submit a demonstration funding application for this program cycle.
   7.2 NRCS-GCRCD Rural Roads Program: ED Moreno provided an update on the Improving and Maintaining Rural Roads two-day series offered in September and October 2017.
8. **Administration:**

8.1 *California Special District Association:* ED Moreno provided an update on benefits of membership that may be of interest to the Directors.

8.2 *California Association of Resource Conservation Districts:* ED Moreno recommended support for Resolutions 17-01 (Bylaw Changes) and 17-02 (Regional Resolution Submission), which are being considered CARCD Board of Directors during their November meeting; presentation by ED Moreno.

   *Motion: Approve support for Resolutions 17-01 (Bylaw Changes) and 17-02 (Regional Resolution Submission).* (Burback/Lanman; 4-0-0)

9. **President’s Forum:**

9.1 Review by President Castillo of topics and activities relevant to GCRCD, including meeting, operational and resource conservation issues. Because Director Esparza had not been present for the last discussion, President Castillo restated his concern that she had rearranged the seating chart he had pre-approved with SCVWD for the joint Board meeting at the last minute without consulting him, effectively separating the GCRCD Directors from direct access to staff and counsel. Director Esparza indicated she had read the report of discussion in the previous minutes, and has a difference of opinion on this issue. Directors inquired regarding the joint Board meeting the SCVWD Chair had proposed for November; after discussion, ED Moreno indicated she would send a follow-up letter to SCVWD, and noted the request to have the meeting held at the GCRCD offices.

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

    President Roger Castillo shared video clips of streams and wildlife activities within GCRCD watersheds.

    Associate Director Larry Johmann reported he provided input to the Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition consultant on the Metcalf Pond feasibility study.

    Associate Director Nathan Hale shared information on oak acorn collection guidelines, and agreed to send the link so it could be forwarded to the Directors.

    Associate Director Bill Leikam recommended taking a field trip with Herman Garcia of CHEER; is looking for public input as a member of the advisory group for the Palo Alto Baylands; is giving a presentation at Deer Hollow Farm on December 8, 2017 to docents; and gave his fox report, stating that they may have the first fox to repopulate the area since the population died off.

    Associate Director Gary Jahn reported the annual local Flycasters conservation dinner is coming up in January, and funds raised are used to provide local conservation grants.

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

4.1 Minutes
4.1.1 Minutes for the August 10, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

4.2 Financial
4.2.1 Financial reports for September and October 2017.

4.3 Grants and Agreements
4.3.1 Authorization for Executive Director to execute an agreement with the University of California in the amount of $4,000.00 for the Santa Clara UC Cooperative Extension to provide technical assistance to grazing land managers pursuant to amended NRCS Agreement 68-9104-5-273 Ranchers Outreach.