SUMMARY MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2018
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 6:04 p.m. by President Roger Castillo. Directors Janet Burback and Rick Lanman were present. Director Vidovich arrived at approximately 6:20 p.m. Director Maya Esparza was absent. Staff present: Executive Director (ED) Stephanie Moreno.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Executive Director (ED) Stephanie Moreno requested the addition of an emergency item to the agenda, and stated the Board must determine by vote that there is a need for immediate action in order to add the item to tonight’s agenda. The item is to authorize the President’s signature on an amended agreement with USDA-NRCS and SCVWD, receipt of which the ED received after posting the agenda for this meeting.

   *Motion: The Board finds a need for immediate action that cannot wait until the next meeting on the following item: Supplemental Watershed Agreement No. 3 for Lower Silver Creek Watershed, California; Authorize the President of GCRCD to sign the supplemental agreement. The item will added as item 6.2. (Lanman/Burback: 3-0-0).*

   *Motion: Approve the agenda as amended. (Burback/Lanman: 3-0-0)*

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Consent Agenda:**

   *Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Burback/Lanman: 3-0-0)*

5. **Presentation: Point Blue/STRAW program**

   *An overview of the Point Blue/STRAW program:* Jennifer Benson gave a presentation regarding the program’s goals and activities. ED Moreno will follow up with Ms. Benson to determine if there are areas for potential collaboration.

6. **Partner Agency Updates:**

   6.1. **USDA-NRCS Hollister Service Center:** No report.

   6.2. **Supplemental Watershed Agreement No. 3 for Lower Silver Creek Watershed, California:** ED Moreno recommended the Board authorize the President of GCRCD to sign the
supplemental agreement, which will provide additional federal USDA-NRCS funding for flood protection improvements in the Lower Silver Creek Watershed.

Motion: Authorize GCRCD Board President to sign Supplemental Watershed Agreement No. 3 for Lower Silver Creek Watershed, California. (Vidovich/Lanman; 4-0-0)

7. Projects and Programs:

7.1. Anadromous Fish Monitoring: President Castillo and ED Moreno gave an update on migration and spawning activities within the “Three Creeks” area. Theresa Krakov, Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) Government Relations, read a prepared statement on behalf of SCVWD; ED Moreno refuted portions of the statement.

7.1.1. Potential Impact(s) to Chinook Salmon: President Castillo and ED Moreno gave an update on a report of destruction of a Chinook salmon redd in January 2018 and felling of large trees into streams in February 2018 by SCVWD stream maintenance crews. ED Moreno indicated a Chinook redd (nest) that had been flagged by volunteers had allegedly been destroyed when a fallen tree had been drug out of the creek by a SCVWD stream maintenance crew. She stated she has been informed the regulatory agencies are still working with SCVWD to establish whether or not the water district acted in compliance with its permits.

7.1.2. Los Gatos Creek Discharge: President Castillo and ED Moreno gave an update on a report of broken pipe discharge to Los Gatos Creek on January 27-28, 2018. Information regarding the discharge has been passed on to the regulatory agencies.

8. Administrative:

8.1. Election of Officers: Director Vidovich nominated President Castillo to be re-elected President. However, President Castillo indicated he wished to step down as President and nominated Rick Lanman. Rick Lanman nominated Janet Burback for Vice-President. Director Vidovich left the meeting prior to the votes.

Motion: Elect Rick Lanman as President of GCRCD. (Burback/Castillo; 3-0-0)

Motion: Elect Janet Burback as Vice-President of GCRCD. (Castillo/Lanman; 3-0-0)

9. Director/Associate Director/Staff Roundtable:

Associate Director Gary Jahns recommended a NWQMC webinar he just attended, and indicated they have upcoming webinars that may be of interest to others in the group.

Associate Director Bill Leikam indicated he still isn’t seeing evidence of gray fox return at the Baylands, and talked about a presentation he recently made to the Pine Ridge Association at Henry W. Coe State Park.

Associate Director Nathan Hale reviewed his proposal for moving forward on the Tule elk scat collection.

ED Moreno gave an update on various district activities and constituent services.

10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned until March 8, 2018.
Consent Agenda (Item 4)

4.1 Minutes for the January 11, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

4.2 Financial reports for January 2018.

4.3 Authorization for Executive Director to sign an amendment to the agreement with McBain Associates to allocate an additional $10,000 to the agreement from the approved 2017-18 budget.

4.4 NRCS-GCRCD Ranchers Outreach Program: Final Report for Cooperative Agreement #68-9104-5-273 (information only).

4.5 Santa Clara Valley Agricultural Plan: Investing in our Working Lands for Regional Resilience, A regional effort led by the County of Santa Clara and the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, Final Draft January 3, 2018; GCRCD ED Moreno listed as Farming Economics and Vitality advisor (information only).

4.6 Letter from SCVWD FAHCE Ad Hoc Committee Chair Barbara Keegan to GCRCD Executive Director Moreno in response to comments made at the October 18, 2017 SCVWD Capital Improvement Program Committee; dated January 5, 2018 (information only).