Summary Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by President Castillo. Directors Lanman and Leikam were also present. Guest Galli Basson, Resource Management Specialist for the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, was introduced as a guest at the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve the minutes of the August 13, 2014, regular meeting as presented. (Leikam/Lanman; 3-0-0)

Motion: Approve the minutes of August 26, 2014, special meeting as presented. (Leikam/Lanman; 3-0-0)

4. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

5. Election of Vice-President

Motion: Nominate and elect Director Lanman as Vice-President of the GCRCD Board. (Castillo/Lanman; 3-0-0)


a. Executive Director (ED) Moreno reviewed proposed changes to the budget format. Directors offered suggestions, which will be incorporated in future reports.

b. ED Moreno reviewed the resolution, which will allow payment of District expenditures within the approved budget without additional action by the Board. Director Leikam also requested we look into the possibility of getting a credit card for the District to facilitate certain types of expenditures. Motion: Approve the resolution setting forth procedure for payment of District expenditures, as amended to reflect expenditures over $1,000 to be approved by the Board President. (Lanman/Leikam; 3-0-0)
c. The District’s lease agreement for office space has been pending signature since 2012.  
   **Motion:** Authorize the District President to sign the lease agreement. (Lanman/Leikam: 3-0-0)

7. **Agency Reports (NRCS, SCVWD)**

   Frank Maitski, Deputy Operating Officer for SCVWD, gave an update on SCVWD activities. NRCS was unable to attend the meeting.

8. **Projects and Programs**
   a. Continued discussion of potential projects to help accomplish District goals and priorities – Galli Basson gave a report on activities of the Open Space Authority, including efforts on migration corridor work, including their collaboration with Pathways for Wildlife. Director Leikam talked about the Urban Wildlife Research Project, and the agreement with the National Wildlife Federation. The Board suggested that Greg Kerekez’s contract proposal include a butterfly atlas for the GCRCD website, as the third item; his scope currently includes videos on the beaver and the fox. The Board asked for an update from staff consultant Carson Cox on various projects, including the possibility of doing a small project on Hicks Creek. Other project ideas discussed included the Basking Ridge/Metcalf corridor; a plan to restore Valley Oaks to some areas; a riparian projects; and an exclusion fencing project for hogs.

   b. Update on the letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding a request for a meeting to discuss the potential for expanding steelhead habitat in the Stevens-Permanente Creek watershed – Consultant Cox indicated there has been no real progress on this issue, and recommended that GCRCD get involved stakeholders and permitting agencies at to the site to discuss resolution.

   c. Request for support for researchers’ field travel expenses related to an existing *Oncorhynchus Mykiss* PIT-tagging project on the Guadalupe River and Pond A8 – The Directors discussed the request for travel funding, and the suggestion by SCVWD staff that our funding may not be needed because they may be able to include it in their scope in a few months. After discussion, the Board decided they would like to move forward with GCRCD funding, but agreed that first Director Lanman would re-connect with the UC Davis contact to confirm their need.

*President Castillo adjourned the meeting at 10:09 p.m. before discussing the remaining items because two members needed to leave, and there would no longer be a quorum.*