Special Meeting  
Monday, November 10, 2014  
6:00 p.m.  

Summary Minutes

**Directors Present:** Roger Castillo (President), Rick Lanman (Vice-President), and Bill Leikam.

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Moreno, Executive Director

**Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by President Castillo. ED Moreno reminded the Board that the regular meeting of November 12, 2014, had been cancelled due to lack of a quorum, and that this meeting had been noticed and will be conducted as a special meeting. Regular items such as the financial and staff reports will be held until the next regular meeting.

**Public Comment Period**

Nathan Hale indicated he is interested in the work of the GCRCD. He lives outside of District boundaries, but may be interested in applying for an Associate Director position.

**Regular Agenda – Items for Discussion**

1. **Projects and Programs**  

2. **Continued from October Board meeting:** Approve request for funding from Pathways for Wildlife for assistance with DNA costs related to wildlife research in the Coyote Valley. Tanya Diamond from Pathways for Wildlife was at the meeting and answered questions from the Board regarding her work and related studies in California.

   *Motion: Approve a funding request from Pathways for Wildlife to expand existing research to include bobcat genetics in the assessment of landscape connectivity and to obtain a quantitative measure of the relative isolation associated with habitat fragmentation and disturbance in Coyote Valley in an amount not-to-exceed $5,000; area under the Baskin Ridge underpass at the Highway 85/101 interchange to be included in the study; recognition of GCRCD’s funding contribution to be recognized. (Lanman/Leikam; 3-0-0)*

3. **Continued from October Board meeting:** Approve request for funding from the Friends of Los Gatos Creek and Friends of Guadalupe River (FLGC/FGR) for tools and supplies to
continue clean-up work on Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River. – Steve Holmes from FLGC/FGR participated via teleconference call to answer questions from the Board.

Motion: Approve a revised funding request from FLGC/FGR for tools to continue essential clean-up work and related public outreach in an amount not-to-exceed $4,325; recognition of GCRCD’s funding contribution to be recognized. (Lanman/Leikam; 3-0-0)

d. Continued from October Board meeting: Consider request for financial support for researchers’ field travel expenses related to an existing Oncorhynchus Mykiss PIT-tagging project on the Guadalupe River and Pond A8. – The Board has additional questions for how much funding is needed, and what it will cover. ED Moreno will reach out to Dr. Hobbs to discuss this issue further.

e. Receive report from Greg Kerekes on development of wildlife education videos and potential for development of a butterfly atlas for GCRCD website. – Greg Kerekes showed the Board the video work he has completed, and indicated his interest in developing a butterfly atlas for the GCRCD website. He will prepare and submit a cost estimate for the proposed new work.

f. Consider request received for GCRCD to be lead applicant on a partnership grant application to the California State Coastal Conservancy’s Climate Ready Grant Program to fund a study of approximately 30 potential breeding and rearing pools for red-legged frogs, California tiger salamanders and western pond turtles in Calero, Almaden Quicksilver, and Joseph Grant County Parks. – ED Moreno reviewed the history of this request and current efforts.

Motion: Authorize the GCRCD to be lead applicant on behalf of a partnership with County Parks and other agencies/organizations, and to submit an application to the California Coastal Conservancy’s Climate Ready Grant Program. (Leikam/Lanman; 3-0-0)

g. Receive update on the status of the Metcalf Ponds-Ogier Ponds Partnership Project. – ED Moreno gave the Board an update on the CGRCD-funded topographic survey and the status of the partnership project.

h. Receive update on existing project with SCVWD on Lower Silver Creek, Reaches 4 and 5, and discuss potential for new project relating to agricultural practices on Upper Silver Creek. – President Castillo and ED Moreno apprised the Board of field surveys and SCVWD staff discussions regarding this project. SCVWD has assured GCRCD that it will be included in future design discussions for the remaining work. President Castillo would like to conduct outreach to landowner(s) who have cattle grazing along Upper Silver Creek. District Conservationist Athena Pratt indicated UC is hiring a rangeland specialist, and that might be a good contact for us.

i. Receive update on Pheasant and Hicks Creeks. – The Board would like to receive a written report from Consultant Cox on what he accomplished on this project. Director Lanman indicated he is still working to get USGS recognition for the creek names.

j. Receive update regarding potential for development/enhancement of wildlife crossings near the Highway 101/85 interchange in the Basking Ridge area. – No new information regarding this project, other than already discussed in Items 1a and 1b.

k. Consider request from the Salmonid Restoration Federation for co-sponsorship of the 33rd Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference scheduled for March 11-14, 2015, in Santa Rosa.
California. – The Board discussed this sponsorship request; GCRCD has sponsored this in the past, as have other RCDs. It was suggested that the accompanying conference attendance be offered to Dr. Hobbs in furtherance of GCRCD District goals on fish/stream restoration work.

*Motion: Approve co-sponsorship of the 33rd Annual Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference in the amount of $500.00.* (Lanman/Leikam; 3-0-0)

2. District Administration
   a. Consider recommendation for the 2015 Board of Directors meeting schedule. – The Board approved a change to the regular meeting schedule because of the difficulty in securing a quorum on the existing regular meeting date. If amended, the change will need to be legally noticed in a newspaper of local record.

      *Motion: Change the regular meeting date of the GCRCD Board of Directors to the second Monday of the month, effective December 2014.* (Leikam/Lanman; 3-0-0)

   b. Approve changes to the GCRCD Conflict of Interest Code. – ED Moreno provided copies of the revised Conflict of Interest Code, as recommended by County Counsel. The approved code needs to be returned to Santa Clara County by the end of the month so that it can be scheduled for Board of Supervisor approval.

      *Motion: Approve the amended GCRCD Conflict of Interest Code.* (Lanman/Leikam; 3-0-0)

Adjourned until the December 8, 2014 meeting.