

COASTAL SAN LUIS RCD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 , 2006
U.C. Cooperative Extension, Conference Room
2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA

- I. Call to Order:** President Linda Chipping called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.
- A. Directors Present: Linda Chipping, Neil Havlik, Ella Honeycutt, Cheryl Lenhardt, Kathie Matsuyama, and Jean-Pierre Wolf.
- B. Directors Absent: Chip Appel
- C. Staff Associates and Guests: Staff members Deborah Barker, Kathy Evans, Julie Thomas, and Carolyn Margon , NRCS Representatives Cheryl Zelus , Margie Lindquist, and Mark Barnett, Bob Hill from the Land Conservancy
- II. Approval of Minutes: November 17, 2005.**
Jean Pierre moved and Ella seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comment:** none
- IV. Financial Reports:**
- A. Warrant Orders to be approved for November/December 2005 Expenses and December 2005/January 2006 expenses: Cheryl L. moved and Neil seconded to approve the warrants. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. 12/31/05 Financial Reports and Bookkeeper/Board Assistant Report: Would like to understand how to charge Garcia Excavating. Deb and Linda will discuss. Neil suggested charging to the district for now. We made a \$133,468.12 deposit. Current cash stands at \$76,000. Still holding CCC's bill. We are right on budget for district. No activity on Chorro Flats. '04-'05 audit report nearly done. Working with new auditor but will still search for new firm. Will piggy back on Foundation's search for new auditor.
- V. Discussion and Board Action Items.**
- A. Future Board Meeting Dates: February 17 and March 17, 2006, both at Coop Extension at 12:30 p.m. Tim Duff will be at the February meeting.
- B. Nipomo Creek Watershed – Bob Hill – Final Report finished. Phase 1 of restoration includes history and recommends 5 projects. 38% of watershed has riparian buffer. Phase 2 is in the works. No more meetings planned. Would like to meet annually.
- C. Choin Property/Black Lake Canyon Conservation Easement—Bob Hill
Bob and Julie gave a slide show of the damage over time in the canyon. Detention basin outflows into a gully. There are no permits for water discharge. Detention basin is only for storm water. Fish and Game and the Army Corps of Engineers have been contacted. The surface soil has been disturbed with grading. There is vermiculite all over the gully and this causes an impervious surface which doesn't allow water to percolate. Regional Water Quality Control Board will take the lead on this project.
- D. For Board Review and Approval: Policy and Procedures for Director Expense Reimbursement: First draft presented. Paragraph 2 shall read "All fees will be reimbursed. Lodging and meals will be reimbursed at the federal government rates." Margie will send current expense form on government rates to be attached to the document for lodging and meals.
- E. Arroyo Grande Watershed—Final Study Status and 1/1A Progress Swanson Hydrology completed final report. Some money left over for a phased implementation plan for alternative 3A that could be done with expected assessment fees. Report presents various alternatives for the money we expect to have. Engineers report will assess landowners' fees. Zone 1/1A will do marketing for proposition 218. Hearing for the board of supervisors will be on February 28. A local resident volunteered to be outreach coordinator. There has been good newspaper coverage. Margie attended meeting.
- F. Annual Plan FY 2006-07—Kathie and Cheryl L. and G. Strategic Planning
Cheryl L. suggested that the board do the long term strategic plan and from that, the annual plan will flow. Meeting will take place on Monday, January 30 at 6:00. Cheryl L. will find a location.

VI. Report Items:

A. Edna Valley/Pismo Creek Watershed Group—Jean-Pierre Wolff At the fish ladder meeting, XLP exploration Oil Company which pumps 70% water and 30% oil is interested in reinjecting water back into the ground and is considering reverse osmosis to sell the water back to Arroyo Grande. This action will accelerate oil pumping. City Manager is interested in project. Storm did not effect Pismo Creek.

B. Natural Resources Conservation Service—Margy Lindquist—current operational agreement between district and NRCS needs to be signed. Chuck wants to invite Ed Burton, the current state head of NRCS to meet with all the districts the last week in February or the first week in March. Carrizo Plains soil survery published on CD.

C. Project Clearwater Report—Cheryl Zelus: Salmon Restoration meeting will take place on February 22-25 in Santa Barbara. Two new people have been hired, one for San Luis Obispo effort and one for wildlife work. There will be a pre-meeting in Santa Barbara on permit coordination on the 21st and 22nd. of February. E-mail me if you wish to attend. Meeting at MBNEP resulted in suggestion that we do conservation planning on the Escuela Ranch.

D. Watershed Coordinator Report—Deb Barker: Sent grant in to National Fish and Wildlife on the 16th.for first phase of pike minnow removal. Will find out in April. Had meeting on the 17th at the MBNEP. Has signed contract for phase 2 of Project Clearwater for \$170,000. Warden Creek drainage problems photographed. Linda suggested sending it to the Regional Water Quality Control Board and ask if they have permits. 319 grant is in process.

E. South County Watershed Coordinator Report—Julie Thomas: Tim Duff, Mark, Cheryl, and Julie to help landowner with flooding on farm water which goes to Arroyo Grande Creek. Tim appeared to buy into the idea of a pipe which will have 60cfs capacity with rangeland above it. Julie suggested that we use this as a demonstration project because there is a willing landowner under our guidelines. Must be careful as it is a working farm. We will discuss this next month. Deb and Julie did a water quality demonstration at a recent Farm Water Planning short course.

VIII. Meeting Updates:

A. Zone 9 Flood Control, LAFCO, CSDA—Neil Havlik. Submitted scope of work to do education outreach for \$8,000 and it was accepted.

B. Water Resources Advisory Committee—Linda Chipping Met in January to review and recap. Looking into strategy.

C. Ag Liason— didn't attend—out of state

D. Ag Task Force—Jean-Pierre Wolf: Land use being reviewed again by county board, specifically tasing rooms, bed and breakfasts, and special events.

E. CARCD,NACD, RC&D, Ag Roundtable—Kathie M: Will bring annual meeting notes.

IX. Other Business: none

X. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Carolyn Margon, Board Assistant

Note: Corrections to these minutes appear in the next month's minutes