

Board of Directors Meeting
November 4, 2022 at 12:00 pm
UCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way
San Luis Obispo, CA

I. Call to Order and Introductions

- A. Directors Present and Absent
- B. Staff, Associates, and Guests

II. Public Comments

- III. Consent Agenda --** Any item from the Consent Agenda can be removed by a member of Sdo not require separate discussion. Individual items on the Consent Agenda are approved with the same vote that approves the Consent Agenda except for any items that have been pulled for separate consideration. Pulled Consent Agenda items will be discussed following the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2022 (Attachment A)

IV. Discussion of Pulled Consent Items

V. Financial Report

- A. Ratification of Disbursements of September 21, 2022 to October 21, 2022.
- B. September 2022 Financial Reports – Accounting Manager Rachels (Attachment B)

VI. Discussion and/or Board Action

- A. Discussion of Future Grant Opportunities and Updates
 - Diablo Canyon
 - Cal Poly
- B. Reappointment of CSLRCD Board of Director Members: Directors Wolff, Crutchfield and President Havlik. (Letters Requesting Reappointment, Attachment C)
- C. Consideration to Approve Resolution 22-04 to authorize the submission of a grant application on Implementation of the Stenner Creek Watershed Enhancement Project. (Resolution 22-04, Attachment D)

- D. Future Regular Board Meetings: December 9, 2022 and January 27, 2023 at the UC Co-Op Extension 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA, both at noon.

VII. Report Items

- A. Staff Report – Programs Manager Richard (Attachment E)
- B. Natural Resources Conservation Service – Representative Phillips

VIII. Meeting Updates

- A. CARCD – Executive Director Crabb
- B. ALAB, Edna/Pismo Watershed, RWQCB – Director Wolff
- C. Water Resources Advisory Committee –Director Chipping
- D. Zone 9 Flood Control, LAFCO, CSDA – President Havlik

IX. Other Business - None

X. Adjournment

Attachments:

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2022
- B. September 2022 Financial Reports
- C. Letters of Request for Reappointment to the Board of Directors
 - C.1 Neil Havlik
 - C.2 Jean-Pierre Wolff
 - C.3 Jessica Crutchfield
- D. Resolution 22-04 - Stenner Creek Watershed Enhancement Project
- E. Staff Report – Programs Manager Richard

**Coastal San Luis RCD
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2022 at 12:00 pm
UCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way
San Luis Obispo, CA**

- I. Call to Order and Introductions:** President Havlik called the meeting to order at 12:06.
- A. Directors Present: President Havlik, Directors Chipping, Crutchfield, and Wolff
- B. Directors Absent: Directors Alford and Munds
- C. Associates Directors, Staff, and Guests: Associate Director Cadby RCD staff members Executive Director Crabb, Accounting and Grants Manager Rachels, Program Manager Richard, Board Secretary DeCarli, and NRCS District Conservationist Phillips.
- II. Public Comments:** Director Wolff commented on challenging seasonal weather conditions of heat waves and rain that are creating record low grape crops.
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- III. Consent Agenda --** Any item from the Consent Agenda can be removed by a member of the Board of Directors for separate consideration. Consent Items are considered routine and do not require separate discussion. Individual items on the Consent Agenda are approved with the same vote that approves the Consent Agenda except for any items that have been pulled for separate consideration. Pulled Consent Agenda items will be discussed following the Consent Agenda.

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| <p>A. Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2022 (see Attachment A)
B. Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2022 (see Attachment B)</p> |
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- A. Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2022 and August 26, 2022.

Action: On motion by Director Wolff and seconded by Director Chipping, the Consent Agenda was approved.

Ayes: Directors Wolff and Chipping, and President Havlik

Noes: None

Abstain: Director Crutchfield

Absent: Directors Alford and Munds

IV. Discussion of Pulled Consent Items

Action: No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

V. Financial Report

A. Ratification of Disbursements of: July 20, 2022 to August 19, 2022 and August 20, 2022 to September 21, 2022 - Accounting Manager Rachels

Action: On motion by Director Wolff and seconded by Director Chipping, the disbursements of June 21, 2022 to July 19, 2022, and August 20, 2022 to September 21, 2022 were ratified. There was no discussion of disbursements.

Ayes: Directors Wolff, Chipping and Crutchfield and President Havlik

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Directors Munds and Alford

B. August 2022 Financial Reports – Accounting Manager Rachels provided a summary of the financial reports, and the following items were highlighted:

Expenses – The 2022/23 RCD dues were paid, as well as charges for Chase Bank card, Creek Lands Conservation, DWR and Tally Ho Grants, Morro Bay and Grover Beach offices rent, work by Pat Molinar, haul water tanks, CARCD membership dues, and others.

Money Market receivable – provided a brief update.

Accounts Receivable/Aging Accounts Report –The Carbon Farm is in for payment. Ms. Rachels noted that the WCB Monarch work will take more time for reimbursement and noted that the demo was paid and a final invoice is out.

Balance Sheet – Deferred income for account 2420 (cannabis project) shows a negative balance however half the payment was up front and the district will receive more funds later. Ms. Rachels provided a brief update on SLO County General Fund account.

Surplus/Losses – The 4151 NRCS Oso Flaco project appears that it is over budget, however it is now paid and not over budget. Additional funds on Account 4320 ROF (cannabis project) \$1800 were added to the grant.

Net income - Shown as \$7700.

Active Awarded Grants - No additional comments.

No questions were raised by the board on the Financial Report.

VI. Discussion and/or Board Action:

A. Discussion of Future Grant Opportunities and Updates:

- Diablo Canyon – President Havlik provided an update on the status of Diablo Canyon. He noted that local activist, Eric Greening, is following this issue closely and that he has raised issues on potential deferred maintenance, noted that overall it is complicated. Director Wolff noted that maintenance is not an issue.

President Havlik indicated state legislation approved an emergency waiver to allow continued operations for another 5-10 years which will hopefully provide time to bridge development of alternative energies to more fully to supply energy needs especially during heat waves when the energy grid is at maximum capacity.

It was noted that the Water Board will continue to work through permit processes to allow extension for license renewal and extension. Director Wolff indicated that local native American groups are pressing for land to be available to them at such time when PG&E disposes of land.

- Cal Poly – no comments

B. Discussion and Approval of the CSLRCD Annual Work Plan and 2020-25 Strategic Plan. Executive Director Crabb and Program Manager Richard provided a detailed report on the plans. Highlights include the following:

Reports discussed included the 5-year Strategic Plan 2025 and the Annual Plan 2022/23. It was noted that the annual plan implements the strategic plan.

Executive Director Crabb provided an overview of the Work Plan. She noted that changes were made to better align terminology with a new template between goals (now “Strategic Issue”) and Goals vs Objectives. Draft showed text changers recommended.

President Havlik asked if there were any new dates or big changes in the updated plan. Ms. Crabb replied that modifications were largely just modifying terminology. There was support to change name of the plan to be “Work Plan”.

Programs Manager Richard detailed Strategic Goal 1 and explained the projects/programs activities to implement. She identified overall goals and strategic issues and individual activities to implement it. It includes listing of activities, project timing and lead, total cost and funding sources. She also discussed details of staff participation and activities.

President Havlik asked if there are opportunities to look at management of invasive species on properties of old dunes/Union Oil. Staff responded that they are and highlighted activities on Dune Collaborative work. President Havlik had additional questions on specific projects which staff responded to.

Executive Director Crabb discussed Strategic Goal 2 on Partners and Community and provided an overview of activities. Director Wolff discussed Farm Credit West and Farm Bureau activities. Ms. Crabb suggested she would like input from directors to do outreach with other agencies or organizations to support enhancing visibility of the district. Director Chipping noted participation in WRAC. Director Crutchfield noted that new staff member Wildle will focus more on outreach such as press releases. Ms. Richard noted that the idea is to expand district participation in groups that they are not currently coordinating with. Director Wolff supported being strategic to be efficient with staff resources.

Executive Director Crabb detailed Strategic Goal 3 to Enhance Capacity of Organizational Operations. It supports increasing and diversifying funding sources and to leverage funding. She indicated they will develop a cost allocation plan, and suggested an item be added to the RCD agenda to discuss this in the future to develop a board succession plan, staff retention and succession plan, and administrative processes update. She indicated she will be attending the CARD conference to learn new ideas on these topics.

There was discussion among the board regarding statewide comparative ranking of agency size and performance relative to funds, staffing and output. Staff noted that the CSLRCD ranks high on performance relative to size and funding. It was suggested to add ranking (e.g. CARD Tier metric of efficiency and output) as a strategy to the plan.

Director Chipping provided comments on improving plan language connecting the Strategic Plan to the Work Plan. Staff will modify plan language accordingly.

A general question was asked regarding if the NRCS district office in Santa Maria will be staying in CSLRCD or whether it would be incorporated into another district. District Conservationist Phillips indicated that it will stay in local district for now.

- C. Future Regular Board Meetings: November 4, 2022 and December 9, 2022 at the UC Co-Op Extension 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA, both at noon.

VII. Report Items

- A. Staff Report – Programs Manager provided an overview of project statuses. Highlights include the following:
- Oceano Dunes – Management of invasives, restoration, and dust control for the Oceano Dunes SVRA. Staff is continuing with transplanting seed collection, manual removal of

Veldt grass in Nipomo lupine areas, and Spraying Iceplants: *Carpobrotus* and *Conicosia* in ODSVRA.

- Remediation of Pesticides in Oso Flaco Creek – Implementation of DDT Remediation. Awaiting final approval of 12-month project extension, continuing ongoing permit coordination with CDFW, SLO Co, and USACE.
- NRCS NWQI funding for Oso Flaco Watershed - The NWQI funding request, approximately \$300,000 in EQIP funding over 3 years, was approved. This will offset much of the increased construction costs associated with the Oso Flaco Remediation Project. Staff identified a culvert that creates sediment in Oso Flaco, and will work with the County to address it through a new funding source.
- Tally Ho Stream Restoration Project - Design, Permit + Implementation – The City of Arroyo Grande (Lead agency) will pursue new SERP process for CEQA Compliance, with RCD/CLC support. Staff met with the City and they are making a determination on CEQA process to pursue.
- Los Osos Wetland Restoration Project: Implementation - Cape Ivy management is planned for October 2022. PG&E utility removal delayed to late October. Upland road decommissioning pushed back accordingly, and the NRCS Wetland Easement Administrative Action requirements may delay PG&Es work. Staff met with a representative that manages goats and will have them graze. PG&E is coming out the following week to move lines and will be completed by the end of the year.
- Morro Bay Watershed On-farm Water Quality Enhancement Project - SWRCB 319 project - Progress on signed landowner access agreements. Topographic surveys to begin following contract negotiations. Staff is contracting with Watershed Progress to finalize Camp SLO designs, and the project is moving forward on schedule. Received \$270,000, with no match required.
- SLO Co MIL - Mobile irrigation evaluation program funded by SLO County – Ms. Widle will manage this project, starting with outreach. Staff met onsite and will report out soon.
- Stenner Creek Watershed Enhancement - Assessment of sediment mobilization sources, planning, designs and permitting with DoC funds - Road and in-channel assessments continuing, fieldwork continues to move forward. Crews are out this week working on assessments and will try to extend it six months to complete the work in the timeframe planned.
- HSP/SWEEP - Technical Assistance – Staff is looking to share equipment in a cooperative.

- New Staffing – Mr. Josh Whipple, Assistant District Engineer has been hired. He will provide CAD support for engineering designs.
 - Edna Valley Recycled Water Project: RCD leading grant proposal development with SLO Co support. The proposal will include multiple projects identified and prioritized in GSP. Staff is hoping to have this funded to go forward December/January 2023. Director Wolff noted that the new SIGMA Director is very effective.
 - Other - CDFW Funding has been approved to prepare fine-scale vegetation mapping in SLO County. The RCD will administer funds, coordinating with the Native Plant Society who has a model for the process.
- B. Natural Resources Conservation Service – Representative Phillips provided a status report. She indicated that future NRCS EQIP funding looks better, billions of dollars of funds are being issued with a focus on air quality. They are looking at big agricultural activities. Decision makers toured state and fires burn areas and air quality rose to top of conversation projects for funding to help farmers through NRCS.

Ms. Phillips noted that last years' obligations in the state were much higher, and that this year the approximately \$700,000 is not enough funds. There is hope that EQIP funds will spread wider so they can fund more locally. Future partners RCPP funds to be used locally such as AG watershed. She noted that forestry/fuels and fire management will be included in future projects.

VIII. Meeting Updates

- A. CARCD – Executive Director Crabb – No report. Ms. Crabb will be attending the upcoming conference in Folsom.
- B. ALAB, Edna/Pismo Watershed, RWQCB – Director Wolff – No ALAB meeting. Edna/Pismo – Ms. Richard gave an update on purple pipe from San Luis Obispo to the basin to treat water and reuse as indirect potable water injection which will have great water storage capacity. The City wants to start after November. Dual benefit irrigation and ground water storage.
- C. Water Resources Advisory Committee –Director Chipping – No meeting.
- D. Zone 9 Flood Control, LAFCO, CSDA – President Havlik – Zone 9 thinning and removal of unsheltered people in creeks, no other reports.

IX. Other Business

- A. Update on Loan Support Options – Executive Director Crabb reported on coordination with the San Luis Obispo Community Foundation, using grant template agreements from San Mateo and shared with the Foundation and other details. Programs Manager Richard shared a long-term grant projections 2022/24 chart. She noted when there will be shortfall due to so many projects in construction concurrently demonstrates need for funds to cover.

President Havlik had general questions regarding the options for loan support. He favors zero interest and had questions on how much can be proved. Staff is researching it. Program Manager Richard indicated the 4th quarter would need \$700,000 to spread over five projects.

- B. Update on Disposition of Mill Creek 204 Row Mulch Compost Spreader – Staff indicated that the spreader was purchased for \$7,000, and that it is no longer needed and suggests selling it. The Purchasing Policy in this case needs the board presidents' approval. President Havlik approved it however he suggested looking if other agencies would be interested in it and to lend out or give perhaps through a cooperative program. Director Wolff suggested doing public advertising, and that he would be willing to store it until finding a public benefit for its use for it.

X. Adjournment: adjournment 2:55