



# Santa Cruz Natural Resource Conservation District

**Santa Cruz Teleconference Meeting      April 07, 2023      Final Minutes**

Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 847 8230 5319.      Phone: 53-215-8782,,84782305319#

Board Supervisors & Clerk: Stephen Williams, Daniel Bell, Bill Schock, Andy Jackson, and Chris Postel (Clerk).

Agencies & Guests: Deb Smith (Arizona Association of Conservation Districts (AACD))

Called to Order: 8:03 am

Discuss/Approve Project WET Funding: Per Stephen Williams, the Project WET event planned on May 2, will cost \$6,000, the Santa Cruz district will pay \$2,000 of the cost. Dan Bell moved to approve \$2,000 (Ed Center account). Andy Jackson seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0.

Conservation Action Plan (CAP) Process (Deb Smith AACD Director): Per Deb, the Conserve AZ portal will be used to describe the CAP process or steps. The portal is used to capture the data for District-wide planning. The CAP process has 4 key areas or steps:

- Identify priority areas and key resource concerns.
- Gather data, meet with stakeholders and agencies to identify-confirm resource concerns and current projects-plans.
- Apply for grants.
- Implementation.

Per Deb, a person needs to be identified to drive the CAP. This person would conduct workshops with the ranchers-farmers (Cooperators) and other interested stakeholders such as Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Services, Arizona State Land Department, Arizona Department of Forestry & Fire Management, etc. AACD can provide \$4,000 in funding to help pay for this person. Per Stephen Williams, Cooperator surveys had been conducted and the main resource concerns are: erosion control, brush management and water availability. Per Deb, she can identify potential contractors to gather the data. Lamar Smith is currently drafting the Santa Cruz CAP for chapters 1-3 and Sarah Jones is doing the mapping. The District's key responsibility is to provide local data. Per Bill Schock, the Sentinel Landscape coordination has been limited. Per Dan Bell, the US Forest Service had a brush management project but was shut down due to the yellow-billed cuckoo.

Adjourn: The Meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.

Next meeting on April 26, 2023 at noon at the Wildhorse Restaurant (Patagonia, AZ)

Final Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel, Santa Cruz NRCD Clerk

Date: April 26, 2023

Approval of Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_