



Santa Cruz Natural Resource Conservation District

Teleconference

July 17, 2024

Final Minutes

Location: Teleconference:

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

Called to Order: 4:33 pm

Treasurer's Report: Per Dan Bell, the checking account balances are: (State) \$9,781.90 and (Local) \$151,155.64. Christin Peterson moved to accept and file the report. Bill Schock seconded. The motion passed unanimously. 4-0.

Review/Approve State Land Annual Reports: The clerk reviewed the Annual reports. Dan Bell made a motion to accept the SC NRCD report as presented. Christin Peterson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

AACD Summer Meeting Update: The meeting will be Aug 5-6. Per Stephen Williams, the Governor signed HB2865 to create a new Conservation District Board. 8 members from different NRCD areas with 4 appointed by the Governor, 2 by the Senate President and 2 by the Speaker of the House. Three members will also be appointed from these four agencies: AGFD, ASLD, DFFM or AZDOAg. The Board may appoint or contract for an Administrative Officer, Secretary and other required assistants. The new Statutes will authorize \$40,000/year to a District and \$60,000 to a District/Ed Center. Per Bill Schock, he has not received copies of chapters 1-3 of the Conservation Action Plan. Stephen will contact Deborah Smith regarding getting the copies.

Sonoita Creek Watershed Group Letter of Support: Per Bill Schock, there is a lot of private land in the proposed watershed. Per Stephen Williams based on the initial Zoom call, the focus seems to be on the riparian area, not the overall watershed. He will attend future meetings and keep the Board informed regarding the status. Dan Bell made a motion to approve the Letter of Support. Christin Peterson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Call to the Public: Per Dan Bell, the Center for Biodiversity filed a notice of intent with the US Forest Service, more species are involved. SACPA will have a meeting to discuss status and next steps.

Next Meeting Date: September 25, 2024 at 12 pm at The Wild Horse Restaurant.

Adjourn: The Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm. Bill Schock moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Bell seconded it. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

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

Date: September 25, 2024

Approval of Minutes: _____

Date: _____