

CENTRAL COAST RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

Annual Meeting Minutes November 14, 2007, King City

1. **Call to Order:** the meeting was called to order by Council President Chuck Pritchard at 1:15 PM. Introductions were made. The following sponsors were present: Adriana Morales, Cachuma RCD; Kathie Matsuyama, Coastal San Luis RCD; Chuck Pritchard, Upper Salinas/Las Tablas RCD; Mary Ann Vasconcellos, CAFF; Others present: Jeff Rodriguez, RC&D Project Coordinator; DJ Funk, US/LT RCD; Mary Bianchi, UCCE; Buzz Pritchard, interested citizen.
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** Requests for assistance; change of council meeting location.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Matsuyama submitted the following report: the Business account has a balance of \$1,927.44; Special Projects account has a balance of \$14,410.46. Bills for \$2,624.69 to Garrison Consulting RBEG Grant, \$2,124.59 to Alliant Insurance Services, \$405 to eVision Designs, \$325.21 to Adriana Morales, Pac Rim Conference hotel. Total bills of \$5,479.49 were presented for payment. Morales moved to approve treasurer's report and pay bills, seconded by Vasconcellos, motion passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes: Corrections; item 10 add the county has asked the RC&D Council to manage this grant.** Vasconcellos moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2007 with corrections. Seconded by Morales. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Correspondence:** Rodriguez read a letter from the NRCS Area Office reminding the Council that our NRCS Cooperative Agreement will expire December 31, 2007 and we should request an extension. Rodriguez read a letter from Alliant Insurance Services transmitting our D&O and General Liability Insurance policy and a payment request.

Old Business

6. Adriana Morales reported on the Pac Rim Association of RC&D Councils meeting in Hawaii. There is great pressure on agriculture to sell for development. Adequate water supply and agricultural infrastructure are becoming an issue with the shift to smaller scale farming. They is also interest in growing crops for bio-fuels.
7. Mary Ann reported on the CA RC&D Association Annual Conference in Morro Bay. The conference focused on training for non-profit operations and a wonderful field trip to the Blanchard ranch highlighting our Central Coast Grown project. Retired council member Gidi Pullen won the Council Member of the Year award for California and went on to win the same award for the Pacific Rim. New state association officers are President Bob Pickard, and Vice President Scott Murray.
8. Rodriguez reviewed a written request from the RCD of Monterey County for \$1000 to revise and re-print the "Handbook of Agricultural Conservation Practices"; Coastal San Luis RCD is requesting educational assistance to the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center,

specifically the Xanadune, San Bandits and Quarterly Newsletter and Calendar for a total funding request of \$6,500; Chuck gave a background explanation on the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD request for funding assistance in working with Liberty High School in their efforts to outreach to at-risk students by exposing them to real life work experiences. There immediate funding need is \$1500. The Council agreed to fund \$1000 for the RCD of Monterey County, \$2500 for the Dunes Center project, and \$1500 for the Liberty High School project. Vasconcellos moved to approve the project expenses as noted. Matsuyama seconded, motion passed unanimously.

9. Rodriguez presented the 2008 Annual Work Plan for review and approval. Matsuyama moved to approve the Work Plan. Vasconcellos seconded, motion passed unanimously. The Plan will be forwarded to Ed Burton for review and signature.

New Business

10. Election of Officers – Kathie Matsuyama offered to serve again as treasurer, Burt Malech was nominated again for Vice President. Vasconcellos made a motion to elect Matsuyama as treasurer and Malech as vice president. Seconded by Morales, motion passed unanimously.
11. Rodriguez read a letter written to Ed Burton, NRCS State Conservationist, requesting an extension of our cooperative agreement to September 30, 2008.
12. The proposed meeting dates for 2008 were reviewed. The dates will be February 20, May 21, August 20, and an October meeting with the RCD's to be determined later. The idea of alternating meetings between King City and Salinas was discussed. We will try to find a Salinas area location for our February meeting.
13. The Annual Report was presented and reviewed.
14. Rodriguez updated the Council on first quarter project progress. A project of interest is a potential wind generation demonstration unit to be located at the Rural Development Center near Salinas.
15. Vasconcellos updated the Council on the Produce and meat Marketing Coop Grant received from USDA Rural Development. Our consultant has taken on a full-time job but is confident she can continue to deliver the project. Mary Ann is concerned and will keep us informed.
16. Rodriguez reported on a group called the "Coast and Ocean Regional Roundtable (CORRT). The purpose of CORRT is to initiate a regional planning process to support implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative for the South Central Coast of California. This group has requested RC&D participation. The Council supports our involvement.

Agenda Items for November 15 meeting:

- **San Mateo RCD activity report**
- **Discussion on Conservation Easements**

Announcements:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.