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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 16, 2005 KING CITY, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Council meeting was called to order by President, Joe Conconi, at 1:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS WERE REPRESENTED

Joe Conconi/San Benito Co. RCD, Gidi Pullen/Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD, Anne McMahon/San Luis Obispo County, Vasiliki Vassil/Santa Cruz RCD, Jerry Czarnecki/Cachuma RCD, Rosie Hernandez/Monterey County, Brett Melone/ALBA

OTHERS REPRESENTED

Jeff Rodriguez and Lillian Phillips/CCRC&D, Dorothy Schuler/Central Coast AgTourism Council

MEMBERS NOT REPRESENTED

CAFF, Monterey County, Santa Barbara County, Santa Clara County; Santa Cruz County, San Benito County, AMBAG, Coastal San Luis RCD, Loma Prieta RCD, The RCD of Monterey County,

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes as mailed from the September 21, 2005 meeting was made by Gidi Pullen and seconded by Jerry Czarnecki. The motion was adopted.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Gidi Pullen said the Business Account had a balance of \$1,715.37.

The Special Projects Account had a balance of \$7,778.58. Bills approved to be paid were:

- 1) \$919.00 – Spanish language translation of the Ag Practice Handbook, The RCD of Monterey Co.
- 1) \$22.00 – Janice Meyers/eVisions Designs for web design services (to be taken out of business account).
- 2) \$19.00 – Lillian Phillips for See's Candies for Community Bank. (Conference room use for quarterly Council meetings.)

Gidi Pullen made a motion to pay the noted bills. Vasiliki Vassil seconded the motion and the motion was adopted.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Lillian read the following correspondence.

- A letter from Gidi Pullen to the Pacific Rim Association notifying them that our Council would not be attending the Annual meeting in Hawaii nor be able to contribute to their "travel fund" because of budget constraints. Gidi suggested the Pac Rim Assoc. Annual Meeting be held in conjunction with the CA Assoc. of RC&D Councils Annual Meeting to hold down travel costs.
- A Letter to Ed Burton, NRCS State Conservationists, with a copy of the councils Area Plan and requesting his concurrence and signature.
- A thank you letter to the Community Bank for use of their conference room for our meetings this past year. The letter will accompany a 2 lb. box of See's Candies.

6. TECHNICAL HANDOUTS

There were no technical reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

2006 Budget Approval – Ann McMahon made a motion the CCRC&D Council 2006 budget be approved. Brett Melone seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Fourth Quarter Progress– Jeff reviewed project progress for the fourth quarter.

- Permit Coordination – Jeff will be working with the RCD's. The contract will be with Sustainable Conservation. The next meeting is Dec. 2, 2005.
- Dunes Center Environmental Outreach & Education Project – This project is 37% complete.
- Morro Bay Watershed Water Quality Monitoring Program – Coastal San Luis RCD is requesting assistance with this program.
- Pajaro River Watershed Council – The next meeting will be January 20, 2006 in Gilroy.
- Arroyo Grande Creek Newsletter – Coastal San Luis RCD has requested funding assistance for this newsletter.
- Ag Practice Handbook translation into Spanish language translation – The RCD of Monterey Co. has requested funding assistance (\$919.00) with their translation from English to Spanish for their Ag Practice Handbook.
- Water Quality Education Program San Luis Obispo County – Mary Bianchi, UC Cooperative Extension requested funding for their water quality education program.
- Spanish Language Translation of the Handbook of Agricultural Conservation Practices – Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD has put this project on hold till revisions can be made to the handbook.
- Pajaro River TMDL – Pajaro River TMDL's will be presented at the Dec. 2, 2005 meeting with the CARWQCB.
- Central Coast Home Grown Meat Alliance – A meeting with USDA and Congressman Sam Farr will be held in early December to discuss issues that are holding up inspection and operating procedures for the Mobile Slaughter Unit.
- Roundhouse at Indian Canyon – Project will be carried over into 2006. Jeff is working with Bill Brooks to research funding for this project.
- CA Delta RC&D Council – CA Delta RC&D Council is meeting quarterly and has acquired their non-profit status while continuing to wait for council approval.
- Community Food and Farm-Based Business – This project will merge with the Central Coast Ag Network (CCAN).
- Central Coast AgriTourism Council – We are managing this \$75,000 grant, which is 91% completed. We have been active in supporting this group administratively. The group has now taken on the administrative part of the organization since Lillian is retiring.
- Agricultural Waste to Beneficial Produce Feasibility Study – A proposal for funding to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the Loma Prieta RCD Mushroom-Horse Manure Composting Feasibility Study was put on hold pending a new RFP. A third component has been added; water treatment sludge from the city of San Jose.
- "A Taste of San Benito Faire" – This project has been funded.
- Buy Fresh Buy Local – Now called Central Coast Grown. The group has a new label and is part of CCAN.

Gidi Pullen made a motion the council approve the 2006 Plan of Work as presented. Ann McMahon seconded the motion and the motion was adopted.

2006-2010 CCRC&D Council Area Plan – Jerry Czarnecki made a motion the council approve the 2006 CCRC&D Council Area Plan if the plan addresses the permit coordination on one focused topic. Ann McMahon seconded the motion and the motion was adopted.

Lillian's Retirement – The Council presented Lillian with a retirement cake and card. Joe Conconi, Chairman, presented her with a resolution from the Council recognizing her 13 years of work with the CCRC&D Council.

Central Coast AgTourism Council Program Update – Dorothy Schuler, CCAC Consultant, said the USDA Rural Development grant funded site assessment, business education, design and printing of 50,000 copies of the Trails Map. Marketing training was presented to members. The CCAC website will offer the new Trails Map. 100,000 copies will be printed of the second edition of the map. The group is working with San Luis Obispo County on rules and regulations for specific farm AgTourism entities.

San Mateo RCD – They are requesting membership in the CCRC&D Council. Jeff will contact them.

Information/Education Grant Update – Jeff said the balance available in the Information/Education account is \$1,150.05. Projects outstanding are:

- 1) The RCD of Monterey County - \$919.00 for their Ag Handbook Spanish Language translation.
- 2) Buy Fresh Buy Local Brochure Printing Cost - \$500.00
- 3) Central Coast Ag Network Program Development - \$500.00

- 4) Arroyo Grande Creek Newsletter - \$500.00
- 5) UCCE Farm Water Quality Short Course - \$500.00

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

CARC&D Assoc. Annual Fall Conference Report – Jeff attended the CARC&D Assoc. in Palm Desert. The focus of the conference was on water and smart growth. The conference included a tour of the Salton Sea.

10. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR SECOND QUARTER MEETING February 15, 2006**

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11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

- 1) The next CCRC&D Council meeting will be February 15, 2006, 1:00 PM, Community Bank, King City.
- 2) Pajaro River Watershed TMDL Meeting – Dec. 2, 2005.
- 3) Lillian's Retirement Dinner – Jan. 21, 2005, 6:00 PM, McClintocks Restaurant, Paso Robles. Contact Jeff (805) 772-5623.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business or discussion, Joe Conconi adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

Lillian B. Phillips, CCRC&D Council, Inc.