MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 19, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER  The April 19, 2017 Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Resource Conservation District (RCD) was called to order by President Sloan at 8:35 a.m., at the Ventura County Resource Conservation District Office, located at 3380 Somis Road, Somis, CA 93066, with a quorum of Directors present.

2. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Mike Mobley was present
Bill Morris was present
Kevin Cannon was present
Tom Crocker was present
Aubrey Sloan was present
Peggy Ludington was tardy (8:36 a.m.)
Merril Berge was tardy (8:40 a.m.)

STAFF PRESENT:
Debra Gillis-Bradley, Interim Executive Officer

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA  President Sloan presented the agenda for board approval.

On motion by Director Crocker, Seconded by Director Cannon, the Board adopted the April 19, 2017 Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT  - Liz Keith of NRCS was present. Liz talked about the work she is doing with the equestrian facilities and the RCD Stormwater event she attended with Lexi Everhart. She also reported that NRCS has three or four EQIP programs funded. Round three of applications for the EQIP program are being accepted through May 26, 2017.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Reports by Staff – Dr. Jamie Whiteford, District Scientist, talked about the RCD’s programs and invited directors to contact him with any questions or comments.

5.2 Reports by Directors – Bud Sloan, President, reported on his communications with the County, and the process of putting an assessment to benefit the RCD on the ballot for voters in 2018.

5.3 Presentation to the Board by Melina Watts, Environmental & Media Consultant. Melina spoke about funding opportunities, outreach strategies, and her ideas with the Board.
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

_All items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine matters, status reports or documents covering previous District action and can be considered in one motion._

6.1 The minutes of the March 15, 2017 Regular Meeting were presented for approval.

_On Motion_ by Director **Morris**, Seconded by Director **Crocker**, the March 15, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion carried 7-0.


_On Motion_ by Director **Morris**, Seconded by Director **Crocker**, the Board approved the March 2017 financial reports. Motion carried 7-0.

7. **ACTION CALENDAR**

7.1 _Discussion and possible action on modifying the 2016-2017 annual budget._

_On motion_ by Director **Mobley**, Seconded by Director **Morris**, the Board voted to adopt the modified 2016-2017 annual budget. Motion carried 6-1. No: **Ludington**

7.2 _Discussion and possible action on a selecting an auditor for the 2017, 2018, and 2019 annual financial audits._

_On motion_ by Director **Cannon**, Seconded by Director **Morris**, the board voted to accept the proposal and enter into an agreement with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP to perform the 2017, 2018, and 2019 annual financial audits. Motion carried 7-0.

8. **DISCUSSION CALENDAR** - None

9. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS BY DIRECTORS**

Director **Berge** asked that the proposal from Melina Watts be put on the agenda. Director **Cannon** asked that a discussion on elections be put on the next agenda.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**: President **Sloan** adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Gillis, Interim Executive Officer

**MINUTES APPROVED:** May 17, 2017

President: ___________________________ Attest: ___________________________
Aubrey E. Sloan Clerk of the Board, Debra Gillis