



# California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING April 5, 2013

A teleconference meeting of the Executive Council of the California-Nevada Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society was called to order by Chapter President Tibor Horvath at 10:03 a.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013. Present were Executive Council Members President-Elect Robert Roy, Treasurer Tom Esgate, and Directors: Tina Vander Hoek, Kabir Zahangir, Wendy Rash, and Walter Bunter. A quorum was present. Mark Steffek Regional SWCS director and Jim Gulliford Executive Director and Kim Johnson-Smith Professional Development Director from HQ also called in to discuss the proceedings on the 2013 International Conference held in Reno, NV.

### **I. Welcome**

Chapter President Horvath welcomed all.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Rob Roy asked to add his attendance to the Fall Technical Tour to the minutes, then it was moved by him, seconded by Tina Vander Hoek and carried to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2012 meeting.

### **III. Financial Report**

Tom Esgate Treasurer sent the account balance sheets to all council members and the council acknowledged the general account balance of \$26,647.45 and the scholarship account of \$10,860.74. Tina made the motion to approve the financial report, and seconded by Kabir Zahangir and carried. Tom Esgate asked about the report on the 2012 Chapter Financial Audit. Mark Steffek reported that it was discussed by the council last year and was accepted, but Tom Esgate was absent then due to a foreign trip.

### **IV. Preparation for the 68<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Reno, NV**

Tibor Horvath reported the plans for the different tours:

Tour 1 – organized by Michael Hogan private erosion control expert to visit successfully installed erosion control project around Lake Tahoe. Total travel and presentations time 4 Hours with a box lunch offered. Approximate tour time 4 Hours 10 minutes.

Tour 2 – organized by the Lake Tahoe Resource Conservation District/Doug Martin.

Visiting the Mount Rose snow survey spot and listening to a presentation by Dan

Greenlee NRCS Hydrologist, then visiting a Low Impact Design (LID) for a residential subdivision infiltration basin at Incline, NV followed by a stop at the successful stream restoration project site. Doug Martin and his staff would present at these sites.

A box lunch is planned at the Incline, NV Village Park with a marvelous view to the Sierras. Approximate tour time 4 Hours 40 minutes.

Tour 3 – organized by the Minden, NV Resource Conservation District to visit a couple of ranches where they installed conservation practices and Steve Lewis, Douglas County, NV Extension Educator will present the great success with the Eagles and Agriculture Program. The Nevada Ranchland Protection Program also discussed to save our natural resources from the ever increasing development pressure. Approximate tour time 4 Hours.

Tour 4 – Tom Esgate organizing a Forestry conservation and improvement tour to introduce the Truckee Meadows Community Forestry project and its success in conserving and improving our precious woodland resources. Approximate tour time 7 Hours.

Wendy Rash reported on the volunteer's topic. Wendy is recruiting student volunteers from the University of Nevada – Reno Campus to help us organizing the International Conference. Jim Gulliford reported that the HQ has funds available to help students attending the conference and also encouraging volunteering. Wendy pointed out that volunteers have a 6 hours minimum commitment to serve for receiving the reduced registration fee. Wendy is sending out more emails and letters to recruit more volunteers.

Rob Roy reported on the Silent Auction organization

Rob contacted all Chapter Presidents and President-Elects asking for material or financial donation for the silent auction and for the international conference. Rob also contacting private organizations and state agencies to promote the conference and to collect more donations.

Jim Gulliford and Kim Johnson-Smith from SWCS HQ gave us important information for the conference organization and asked the CA-NV Chapter to submit the tours abstract no later than April 10, 2013. The preliminary program should be released by the end of April.

## **V. Chapter Officers Election**

Walt Bunter reported that the ballots are about to sent out and Andrea Casey Chair of Membership Committee recruited enough members to fill all empty seats.

## **VI. Scholarship Committee Report**

Tina Vander Hoek reported four applications from different colleges with soil and water related majors for our scholarship program.

## **VII. Newsletter and Outreach**

Walt Bunter reported his plan to release the next RUNOFF Newsletter and asked Tibor Horvath to submit his President's Message article soon. Rob Roy President-Elect also volunteered to write an article to ask for volunteers to come forward and help our effort to organize the 68<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Reno, NV.

**VIII. Unfinished business** – Mark Steffek asked Jim Gulliford to travel to Reno, NV to meet the Nevada NRCS State Conservationist to ask his support for the International Conference. William Elder Assistant State Conservationist for Nevada NRCS helps organizing this meeting.

**IX. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
s/Tibor Horvath, President

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SWCS Annual Conference Dates to Remember

July 21 – 24, 2013    Reno, Nevada  
July 27 – 30, 2014    Chicago, Illinois