

The mission of the Sonoma RCD is to help agricultural and rural landowners protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through information, education, and technical assistance programs.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

April 28, 2016

11:30 am – 2:30 pm

1221 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

North Wing Conference Room, Suite 400

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Welcome/Introductions: Board Chair Walt Ryan called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Directors Present: Walt Ryan, Vickie Mulas (out at 1:30), Dennis Murphy, Ron Rolleri, Steve Thomas (in at 11:35, out at 1:30), Earle Cummings

Directors Absent: None

Associate Directors present: Hector Bedolla

Associate Directors absent: Ray Krauss, Matt Greene, Paul Martin

Staff present: Kara Heckert, Valerie Minton, Jed Coffin, Kari Wester, Justin Bodell, Anya Starovoytov, Aaron Fairbrook, Christine Kuehn, Kevin Cullinen, Keith Abeles

Others present: Carrie Lukacic (Prunuske Chatham, Inc.), Bruce Abelli-Amen, Jennifer Walser (USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service), Dave Crockett (Dirt Farmer & Co.)

Consent Calendar: Motion to approve consent calendar. M: Rolleri, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 5 ayes (Director Thomas absent).

Public Comment: None.

Quarterly Financial Report: Motion to accept financial report. M: Murphy, 2nd: Cummings. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

Groundwater Sustainability Update: No action.

The meeting was adjourned for a lunch break at 12:24 pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 12:49 pm.

Size of RCD Board: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 151607, reducing the RCD board from 9 to 7 members. M: Rolleri, 2nd: Thomas. Motion passed by roll call vote: Mulas - Aye, Murphy - Aye, Rolleri - Aye, Thomas - Aye, Cummings - Aye, Ryan – Aye.

NRCS Update: District Conservationist Jennifer Walser reported on the RCD's civil rights responsibilities as an NRCS partner under Titles 6 and 7.

CDFW Grant Agreement No. P1530402 for the Felta Creek Stream Habitat Enhancement Project and corresponding resolution: Motion to approve the grant agreement and corresponding Resolution No. 151606. M: Murphy, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

LandSmart CEQA MND document: Motion to adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration, with Lead Agency changes as presented, with the addition of a typo correction and added reference to locally-sourced grass seed where possible. M: Murphy, 2nd: Cummings. Motions passed, 4 ayes (Directors Mulas and Thomas absent).

Meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm.