



### Minutes of the Board Meeting

May 25, 2017

1221 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

North Wing Conference Room, Suite 400

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1. **Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Board Chair Walt Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.  
Directors Present: Walt Ryan, Vickie Mulas (in at 9:10 am), Dennis Murphy, Bruce Abelli-Amen, Ron Rolleri, John Nagle  
Directors Absent: None  
Associate Directors present: Earle Cummings  
Associate Directors absent: Jennifer Kuszmar  
Staff present: Kara Heckert, Valerie Minton, Sally Westgate (consultant), Becky Tillman, Christine Kuehn, Keith Abeles, Kari Wester, Erica Mikesch, Jeff Schreiber  
Others present: Jennifer Walser, NRCS; Ellen Cahill
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Added NRCS update as item 5A.
3. **Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar, with changes to agenda. M: Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Abelli-Amen. Motion passed, 5 ayes (Director Mulas absent).
4. **Public Comment:** Public comment was provided by Ellen Cahill.
- 5A. **NRCS Report:** Jennifer Walser provided a report.
6. **GSA Fundraising Committee Update:** The Committee provided an update on funds secured and next steps. No action was taken.
7. **Board Development Committee Update:** No action.
8. **Strategic Planning – Mission Statement:** Kari Wester presented results of a survey and the Strategic Planning Committee’s recommendation for a new Mission Statement, and the Board provided feedback. No action was taken.
9. **Director Updates:** Directors Abelli-Amen, John Nagle, and Ron Rolleri provided updates. No action was taken.
10. **Closed Session: Personnel Matters (§54957):** The Board decided on recommendations for recruiting new Executive Director.
11. **Discuss Upcoming Events and Possible Director Participation:** No action.
12. **Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.**