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**Minutes of the Board Meeting**

**May 26, 2016**

**9:00 am – 12:00 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 9:04 am.

Directors Present: Walt Ryan, Vickie Mulas, Dennis Murphy, Ron Rolleri, Steve Thomas, Earle Cummings

Directors Absent: Ron Rolleri

Associate Directors present: Hector Bedolla

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

Staff present: Kara Heckert, Valerie Minton, Justin Bodell, Anya Starovoytov, Aaron Fairbrook, Christine Kuehn, Kevin Cullinen, Becky Tillman

Others present: Donna Meyers (Conservation Collaborative), Jennifer Walser (USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service)

**Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar. M: Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Resolution: Exchange Bank Commercial Cash Management - define new administrator and Resolution declaring authorized signers on Exchange Bank checking and money market accounts:** Motion to adopt both resolutions. M: Mulas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thomas. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

**NRCS Update:** District Conservationist Jennifer Walser provided an update regarding the tour with NRCS Chief Jason Weller, RCPP contract status, and EQIP timelines.

**Financial Sustainability Plan – Preliminary Findings:** No action.

**Board Development Update:** Director Cummings made a motion to dissolve the Board Development subcommittee, and have the Executive Committee assume Board Development Functions, with meetings on the topic quarterly. Director Murphy seconded, with the amendment that the quarterly meeting requirement be removed. Director Cummings accepted that amendment. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

**Groundwater Sustainability Update:** Motion to recommend option 1 voting structure, plus land use voting block concept for the Santa Rosa Plain GSA. M: Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thomas. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.**