

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

June 24th, 2015

2:00-4:00 PM

Meeting location: RCD Conference Room, Suite F
1221 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
707.569.1448

Welcome/Introductions: Chairman Dennis Murphy called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Board Directors Present: Dennis Murphy, Vickie Mulas, Ron Rolleri (in at 2:10), Earle Cummings, Steve Thomas (in at 2:05), Walt Ryan, and Delmar Friedrichsen

Directors Absent: none

Associate Directors present: Hector Bedolla and Matt Greene (appointed at this meeting)

Staff present: Kara Heckert, Valerie Minton, Jed Coffin

Others present: Kristan Flynn, USDA-NRCS

Consent Calendar: Approval of June Board Meeting Agenda, May Board meeting minutes, and Bills for Board Approval.

Motion to approve consent calendar, with the followings changes: add Financial Report to items listed in consent calendar (was included in board packet); strike agenda item "Alternative and Sustainable Funding Strategies Presentation and Discussion" and replace with "Presentation on State Water Board Information and Conservation Order for Russian River Tributaries." - Motion Cummings/2nd Mulas, Passed, 5 ayes (Thomas and Rolleri not arrived yet)

Public Comment

None.

Presentation of Final FY 2015-16 County and Internal Budget

Motion to approve FY 15/16 Budget - Motion Thomas/2nd Ryan. Passed, 7 ayes.

Finance Committee – minutes

No action was taken.

319(h) LandSmart® Farm Planning for Sonoma Creek Vineyards, Phase II grant agreement

Motion to approve agreement - Motion Rolleri/2nd Mulas. Passed, 7 ayes.

Marin Agricultural Land Trust – LandSmart Plans for the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program contract

Motion to approve contract – Motion Cummings, 2nd Friedrichsen. Passed, 7 ayes.

NRCS Update (Kristan Flynn)

The RCD was just approved for a contribution agreement for an engineer that would serve NRCS and the three RCDs served by this field office. A contribution agreement for conservation planning is also in the works. The current EQIP cycle includes drought funds.

Associate Directors – Hector Bedolla and Paul Martin; reappoint Ray Krauss

Motion to appoint Hector Bedolla, Paul Martin, Ray Krauss (reappointment) and Matt Greene (reappointment) – Motion Friedrichsen/2nd Roller. Passed, 6 ayes, (Ryan nay).

Presentation on State Water Board Information and Conservation Order for Russian River Tributaries

Kara Heckert presented slides from the State Water Board's hearing and reported, action taken by the State Board at that hearing, and RCD coordination and outreach around the issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m