



*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**

**August 25, 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 9:00 am.

Directors Present: Walt Ryan, Vickie Mulas, Ron Rolleri, Steve Thomas, Earle Cummings, Dennis Murphy (in at 9:03 am)

Directors Absent: None

Associate Directors present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, Hector Bedolla (in at 9:05 am)

Associate Directors absent: Delmar Friedrichsen

Staff present: Kara Heckert, Valerie Minton, Becky Tillman, Sally Westgate, Kevin Cullinen, Christine Kuehn, Anya Starovoytov, Keith Abeles

Others present: Emma Chow (NRCS)

**Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar. M: Cummings, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thomas. Motion passed, 5 ayes (Director Murphy absent).

**Public Comment:** None.

***Administrative Agenda Items***

**Contract approval policy change:** Motion to approve the change as included in the board packet. M: Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cummings. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

**Financial Sustainability Plan Recommendation #2: Cost Share Evaluation and Landowner Cost Share Policy:** Motion to table in order for the Executive Committee to work more on the draft policy with staff. M: Mulas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rolleri. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

**Earle Cummings – resignation and recognition:** In recognition of Earle’s many years of service to the RCD, his expertise in many areas, his vigor and participation, and his true friendship with the other Directors, Director Murphy moved that the Board thank Earle and ask that he return as an Associate Director. Director Mulas Seconded. Director Thomas suggested an amendment to the motion to recognize the stability Earle provided to the RCD, and this amendment was accepted. Motion passed, 5 ayes, Director Cumming abstaining.

**Hector Bedolla – Appointment to Board of Directors:** Motion to appoint Hector Bedolla as a Director of the Sonoma RCD. M: Cummings, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event:** No action was taken.

***Programmatic Items***

**State Coastal Conservancy Sonoma Vineyards BMPs grant agreement:** Motion to approve agreement.

M: Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

**Resolution for State Coastal Conservancy Sonoma Vineyards BMPs grant agreement:** Motion to adopt

Resolution No. 1617002. M: Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed by roll call – Ryan: Aye, Mulas: Aye,

Murphy: Aye, Cummings: Aye, Rolleri: Aye, Thomas: Aye.

**RCD Third Party Technical Assistance Role for Vineyards in Sonoma Creek presentation:** No action was taken.

**“Working Lands in Our Watersheds” outing, Russian River Confluence:** No action was taken.

**NRCS Update:** Emma Chow provided an update. No action was taken.

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.**