



Board Meeting Agenda

September 22, 2016, 9:00-12:00

1221 Farmers Lane, North Wing Conference Room, Suite 400
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
707.569.1448, ext. 111

District Directors: Walt Ryan, Chairman; Vickie Mulas, Vice Chairwoman; Dennis Murphy, Director; Ron Roller, Director; Steve Thomas, Director

1. **Call to order**

2. **Introductions**

3. **Consent Calendar:** Approval of September Board Meeting Agenda, August Board meeting minutes, Bills for Board Approval, and monthly Financials. *Kara Heckert/Sally Westgate*

4. **Public Comment:** Limited to three (3) minutes per person.
The Board will hear public comments during this time on non-agenda items where the Board has jurisdiction. Comments are limited to three minutes per person, not to exceed a total of 15 minutes for all participants. If participants want their comments to be entered into the minutes for the meeting, they must submit a written copy of their comments, not to exceed four pages. At this time the public may indicate agenda items they wish to address prior to Board action on that item.

5. **Acceptance of Bi-Monthly Staff Report and Annual Workplan Update:** Staff will give an update on current projects and activities per the 2016 Annual workplan. Board Directors' comments and updates may also be given. One hour has been allotted for this report. *RCD Staff*

6. **NRCS Report:** *Drew Loganbill*

7. **Groundwater Sustainability Agencies: Approval of Executive Committee Recommendation for Director Participation per Basin:**

The Executive Committee recommends the following Directors and Associates be point person (s) for each basin and work closely with the Executive Director on governance details as they emerge, attend necessary meetings, and report back to the full board:

- a. Sonoma Valley Basin: Vicki (primary), Walt (alternate)
- b. Petaluma Valley Basin: Bruce (alternate), possibility of "Executive staff" as alternate in this basin
- c. Santa Rosa Plain: Walt (primary), Dennis (alternate)

8. **Resolution No. 1617003 to Assess Feasibility of Creating a North Coast RCDs Joint Powers Authority:** The attached white paper assesses the potential benefits, costs, and possible governing and administrative structures of a Joint Powers Authority between nine North Coast RCDs; joining of RCDs could increase capacity for conservation program delivery, staff

sharing, and fund development on a regional scale. A resolution is requested to confirm the RCD's commitment to exploring this effort. *Kara Heckert*

9. Discuss Upcoming Events and Possible Director Participation: *Christine Kuehn*

- a. OPEN INVITATION to visit Felta Creek Coho Habitat Enhancement Project with Aaron Fairbrook. October 5 – 12, Monday through Thursday. Contact Aaron to schedule at 569-1448 ext 106 or afairbrook@sonomarc.org.
- b. OPEN INVITATION to visit Santo Giordano Road Improvement Project with Anya Starovoytov. Mid-October date TBD. Contact Anya to stay informed at 569-1448 ext 109 or astarovoytov@sonomarc.org.
- c. 70th Anniversary Celebration – November 10, 4 -6PM TBD more details to come in Save the Date invitation.
- d. Agricultural Heritage Series – “Winemaking of the Sonoma Valley: *A History of the Grape-growing Industry, Innovative Women and Transformed Landscapes*” – Saturday, November 12, 10AM – 1PM.

10. Appointment of Director Murphy, Rolleri, and Mulas, status of Director Thomas (see letter attached), Associate Director Bedolla: Four (4) Director's terms expire in November and December of this year. Vickie and Dennis have expressed the desire to be reappointed for another 4-year term to the Board of Directors. Ron has expressed that he is willing to stay on for whatever period is necessary to help the board find a replacement for his seat. Steve has expressed that he will not be seeking reappointment to another 4-year term (see attached letter). Hector has requested that he remain an Associate Director.

11. Board Vacancies: Per the DOC's Director's handbook, the Board of Supervisors has the responsibility to fill a vacancy on the board. We have two vacancies (Delmar, Earle) and will have a third vacancy in December (Steve). Kara will discuss the RCD's plan to actively recruit new members with the BOS and will request that they allow us some time to do this before filling the vacancies. Additionally, all four sitting Directors will be needed to have a quorum until additional seats are filled and the Executive Committee can only have two Directors per the Brown Act.

12. November Board Meeting Date Change: The November board meeting falls on Thanksgiving this year and will need to be changed.

13. Adjournment and Agenda Setting

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District Staff: Kara Heckert, Executive Director; Becky Tillman, District Administrator; Valerie Minton, Program Director; Kevin Cullinen, Project Manager; Kari Wester, Project Manager; Aaron Fairbrook, Project Manager; Justin Bodell, Project Manager; Anya Starovoytov, Project Manager; Christine Kuehn, Education and Communications Specialist; Keith Abeles, Water Management Specialist; Erica Mikesh, Engineer; Lexi Clark, Administrative Assistant

Sally Westgate, Consulting Finance Manager