



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
September 22, 2016**

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 9:02 am.

Directors Present: Walt Ryan, Vickie Mulas, Ron Rolleri, Dennis Murphy

Directors Absent: Steve Thomas

Associate Directors present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, Earle Cummings

Associate Directors absent: Delmar Friedrichsen, Hector Bedolla

Staff present: Kara Heckert, Valerie Minton, Sally Westgate, Kevin Cullinen, Christine Kuehn, Justin Bodell, Aaron Fairbrook

Others present: Drew Loganbill (NRCS), John Nagle and Blair Mitchell (Gallo)

Consent Calendar: Motion to approve consent calendar, including agenda change to add item 11, Appointment of Bruce Abelli-Amen. M: Murphy, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

Public Comment: John Nagle commented that he was attending the meeting for informational purposes.

Acceptance of Bi-Monthly Staff Report and Annual Workplan Update: Motion to accept staff report and acknowledge Executive Director Kara Heckert's accomplishments during her 10 years of service as Executive Director, including awards from the CA Association of Conservation Districts for District Employee of the Year and District of the Year. M: Mulas, 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

NRCS Report: Drew Loganbill provided a report. No action was taken.

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies: Approval of Executive Committee Recommendation for Director Participation per Basin: Motion to accept the Executive Committee's recommendations and establish that only voting Directors can serve as primary or alternate on GSA boards, with the exception of the Petaluma basin where the Executive Director could serve as alternate. M: Rolleri, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

Resolution No. 1617003 to Assess Feasibility of Creating a North Coast RCDs Joint Powers Authority: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 1617003, M: Murphy, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

Discuss Upcoming Events and Possible Director Participation: No action.

Appointment of Directors Murphy, Rolleri, and Mulas, status of Director Thomas, Associate Director Bedolla: Motion to re-appoint Directors Murphy, Rolleri, Mulas, M: Ryan, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 4

eyes. Motion for Associate Director Bedolla to remain an Associate, M: Murphy, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

Appointment of Bruce Abelli-Amen: Motion to appoint Bruce Abelli-Amen as a Director, M: Murphy, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

Board Vacancies: No action.

November Board Meeting Date Change: Motion to change November board meeting to November 15th, 9 am, M: Rolleri, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.