



Minutes of the Board Meeting

September 28, 2017

1221 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

North Wing Conference Room, Suite 400

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1. **Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Board Chair Walt Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.
Directors Present: Walt Ryan, Dennis Murphy (in at 9:20), Ron Rolleri, Jennifer Kuszmar, Vickie Mulas, Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle
Directors Absent: None
Associate Directors present: Earle Cummings (in at 9:18)
Associate Directors absent: None
Staff present: Valerie Quinto, Becky Tillman, Kari Wester, Christine Kuehn, Justin Bodell, Anya Starovoytov, Katie Robbins
Others present: Jennifer Walser, NRCS
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None.
3. **Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar. M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes (Director Murphy absent).
4. **Public Comment:** No public comment was made.
5. **Informational Items**
 - A. **NRCS updates:** Jennifer Walser provided a report.
 - B. **Porter Creek Streamflow Enhancement Project:** Justin Bodell and Director Nagle provided a presentation this project.
6. **Action Items**
 - A. **Approval of Resolution No. 1718004 Authorizing Signatures on Exchange Bank Line of Credit**
Becky Tillman presented the item. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 1718004 M: Murphy 2nd: Abelli-Amen. Motion passed, 7 ayes.
 - B. **Approval of Resolution No. 1718005 Authorizing Signatures on Exchange Bank Checking and Money Market Accounts.** Becky Tillman presented the item. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 1718005 M: Mulas, 2nd: Kuszmar. Motion passed, 7 ayes.
 - C. **Approval of Exchange Bank Commercial Cash Management Resolutions for Exchange Bank Online Banking.** Becky Tillman presented the item. Motion to accept M: Murphy, 2nd: Abelli-Amen. Motion passed, 7 ayes.
 - D. **Approval of RCD Policy & Procedure Updates and suggestions for future updates as needed.**
Executive Director Quinto presented on updates, changes and clarifications that were being

proposed, and Directors requested additional changes including typographical changes, changes for consistency among sections, clarifying that gift limit for staff is annual, aggregate, and adding Emeritus Director language previously approved by the Board. Clarification of Board member dismissal procedures were discussed. Executive Director Quinto will work on developing a list of goals and activities Board members can assist the RCD with if they have time. Motion to approve RCD Policy and Procedure updates and suggestions M: Mulas, 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

E. Appointments to the Petaluma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Advisory Committees. Executive Director Quinto presented the item. Discussion was had on each Board members' priorities of the candidates provided. Motion to give Executive Director Quinto authority to appoint one of the candidates presented to the Petaluma Valley Groundwater Sustainable Agency Advisory Committee M: Nagle, 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

7. Update Items

A. GSA Fundraising Committee Update. The Committee provided an update on next steps.

B. GSA updates. Director Abelli-Amen provided an update on the Petaluma Valley GSA, Director Mulas provided an update on the Sonoma Valley GSA and Director Ryan provided an update on the Santa Rosa Plain GSA.

C. Executive Committee Meeting Notes- Director Murphy provided updates on these meetings.

D. Board Development Committee Meeting updates. Director Ryan provided updates on this meeting. Director Abelli-Amen will work Executive Director Quinto on new Board member orientation packet. Executive Director Quinto will reach out to a potential associate director before the next board meeting.

E. Director Updates: Directors Mulas, Kuszmar and Nagle and Associate Director Cummings provided updates. Executive Director Quinto will follow up on a clarification question that Director Murphy asked on the financial report.

F. Executive Director Updates. Executive Director Quinto provided updates.

8. Future Agenda Items. Executive Director Quinto provided notes on future agenda items, including a presentation from the Ag & Open Space District on the Vital Lands initiative, and a discussion regarding providing conservation services to cannabis cultivators.

9. Adjournment Motion to adjourn, M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.