



*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**

**October 27, 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 9:00 am.

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

Directors Absent: None

Associate Directors present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, Earle Cummings

Associate Directors absent: Delmar Friedrichsen, Hector Bedolla

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

Others present: John Nagle, Sebastian Birch, Mike Martini, Bob Anderson

**Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** the Executive Director requested the addition of an item on Board Development after item 9. Motion to add the item, M: Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed, 4 ayes (Director Thomas absent).

**Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar. M: Mulas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rolleri. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

**Acceptance of Quarterly Financial Report:** Motion to accept report. M: Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

**Groundwater Sustainability Agencies:** the Executive Director gave an update on GSA formation and Board discussed. No action was taken.

**Public Comment:** The Board received comments on GSA formation from the following members of the public:

John Nagle  
Bob Anderson  
James Gore  
Mike Martini

Supervisor James Gore presented Executive Director Kara Heckert with a gold resolution commending her ten (10) years of service to the RCD as Executive Director.

**Landowner cost share policy:** Motion to adopt the policy as recommended by staff. M: Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

**Approval of Board Resolution No. 1617004 for WCB Porter Creek Streamflow Enhancement Project:**  
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 1617004, M: Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed by roll call – Ryan aye, Mulas aye, Murphy aye, Rollerli aye, Thomas aye.

**Discuss Upcoming Events and Possible Director Participation:** No action was taken.

**Board Development:** The Board discussed desirable qualities in future Directors and process for bringing new Directors on board. No action was taken.

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.**