



Minutes of the Board Meeting

January 25, 2018

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 10:00 am.
Directors Present: Walt Ryan, Dennis Murphy, Ron Rolleri, Vickie Mulas, Bruce Abelli-Amen, Jennifer Kuszmar, John Nagle
Directors Absent: None
Associate Directors present: None
Associate Directors absent: Earle Cummings
Staff present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Kari Wester, Jeff Schreiber
Others present: Jennifer Walser (NRCS)
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Executive Director Quinto asked for a change in the agenda to add Action Item 6K, Approval of Resolution No. 1718009, to enter into a grant agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for Emergency Post-Fire 319h funding.
3. **Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar. M: Rolleri, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Director Kuszmar).
4. **Public Comment:** No public comment was made.
5. **Informational Items**
 - A. **NRCS updates:** Jennifer Walser provided a report on the recent government shutdown, EQIP funding and FSA enrollment.
6. **Action Items**
 - A. **Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair.** Discussion was had among the directors on this item. Motion to elect Director Vickie Mulas to Board Chair and to elect Director Walt Ryan to Vice Chair M: Murphy, 2nd: Nagle. Motion passed, 7 ayes.
 - B. **Board Committee membership and any changes desired by Directors.** Discussions were had among Directors on this item. Board Chair Mulas appointed Director John Nagle to the Executive Committee.
 - C. **Appointment of John Nagle as Director and Walt Ryan as Alternate for the Santa Rosa Plain GSA Board.** Director Ryan presented on this item. Motion to appoint John Nagle as Director and Walt Ryan as Alternate for the Santa Rosa Plain GSA Board M: Abelli-Amen, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 7 ayes.
 - D. **Acceptance of Quarterly Financial Report.** Director of Finance Pettit and Executive Director Quinto presented on this item. Director Murphy requested in the future to see information on

the GSA budget commitment in order to inform the GSA fundraising committee. Director of Finance Pettit will work with Executive Director Quinto on providing that information to the GSA Fundraising Committee. Motion to accept the quarterly financial report M: Murphy, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

- E. Acceptance of Updated 2016-17 Audited Financial Statements.** Director of Finance Pettit presented on this item. Motion to accept the updated 2016-17 Audited Financial Statements M: Mulas, 2nd: Kuszmar. Motion passed, 7 ayes.
- F. Acceptance of Quarterly Staff Report.** Executive Director Quinto presented on this item. Motion to accept the quarterly staff report M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes (Director Murphy absent)
- G. Adoption of Agricultural Education Endowment Investment Policy.** Director of Finance Pettit presented on this item. Motion to adopt the Agricultural Education Endowment Investment Policy M: Mulas, 2nd: Nagle. Motion passed, 7 ayes.
- H. Adoption of Resolution No. 1718008, Designating Authorized Individuals for the RCD's Accounts with Stifel Nicolaus.** Director of Finance Pettit presented on this item. Motion to adopt resolution No. 1718008, with a potential edit to the word "corporation," pending staff's research to confirm whether this is the appropriate term. M: Murphy, 2nd: Abelli-Amen. Motion passed, 7 ayes.
- I. Adoption of Resolution No. 1718006, declaring that governing body members and volunteers shall be deemed to be employees of the district for the purpose of providing workers' compensation coverage for said certain individuals while providing their services.** Director of Finance Pettit presented on this item. Discussion was had among the Directors on which categories of persons should be checked and included in this policy. Motion to adopt resolution No. 1718006 with checking the appropriate designated categories of persons (1, 2, 4 and 5) as recommended by Director of Finance Pettit M: Murphy, 2nd: Rolleri. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed, 7 ayes.
- J. Adoption of Resolution No. 1718007 to approve a grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grant Program.** Jeff Schreiber presented on this item. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 1718007 M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Nagle. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed, 6 ayes, 1 nay (Director Murphy).
- K. Adoption of Resolution No. 1718009 authorizing a funding agreement between the Sonoma RCD and the State Water Resources Control Board for Emergency Post-Fire 319h implementation funding.** Executive Director Quinto presented on this item. Motion to approve Resolution No. 1718009 M: Mulas, 2nd: Kuszmar. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

7. Update Items

- A. GSA Fundraising Committee Update.** Director Murphy said there were no updates as no meeting occurred since the last Board meeting.
- B. GSA updates.** Director Ryan provided an update on the Santa Rosa Plain GSA, Director Mulas provided an update on the Sonoma Valley GSA and Director Abelli-Amen provided an update on the Petaluma Valley GSA.

- C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Jan 9th Meeting-** Director Ryan presented minutes from this meeting.
 - D. Board Development Committee –** No meeting occurred. Executive Director Quinto provided an update on a meeting she had with a potential Associate Director. Executive Director Quinto will reach out to Matt Stornetta as suggested by Director Mulas.
 - E. Director Updates:** Director Murphy provided an update on a landowner meeting in Knights Valley and landowner concerns brought up post-fire. Director Rolleri mentioned a Changing Channel workshop he will be attending and Director Nagle provided an update on a remote incubator pilot program he is working on with NOAA in Porter Creek.
 - F. Executive Director Updates.** Executive Director Quinto provided updates. She asked the Board to provide her with any significant time constraints in their schedules during February to help coordinate a joint board meeting with Gold Ridge RCD board regarding RCD assistance to cannabis growers.
- 8. Future Agenda Items.** Executive Director Quinto mentioned having SCAPOSD provide a presentation on their Vital Lands Initiative program in a future board meeting.
- 9. Adjournment** Motion to adjourn, M: Murphy, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.