



Minutes of the Board Meeting

October 26, 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, Ron Rolleri, Vickie Mulas, Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle
Directors Absent: Jennifer Kuszmar
Associate Directors present: Earle Cummings
Associate Directors absent: None
Staff present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Becky Tillman, Christine Kuehn, Jeff Schreiber
Others present: None
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None.
3. **Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar. M: Mulas, 2nd: Abelli-Amen. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
4. **Public Comment:** No public comment was made.
5. **Informational Items**
 - A. **NRCS updates:** Executive Director Quinto provided a report in absence of NRCS staff.
 - B. **Discussion regarding RCD response to wildfire impacts:** Executive Director Quinto led discussion on the RCD's next steps to providing fire recovery support to the district and requested Board feedback on proposed priorities identified by the staff. The Board was supportive of the fire recovery priorities outlined in the staff report.
6. **Action Items**
 - A. **Acceptance of Quarterly Financial Report (On-hand).** Director of Finance Pettit presented the item. Motion to accept the Quarterly Financial Report M: Murphy 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
 - B. **Acceptance of Quarterly Staff Report.** Executive Director Quinto presented the item. Motion to accept Quarterly Staff Report M: Mulas, 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
 - C. **Appoint Delegate and Alternate for the CA Association of RCDs Business Meeting.** Executive Director Quinto presented the item. Motion to appoint Director Rolleri as Delegate and Director Abelli-Amen as alternate. M: Murphy, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 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 Minutes, October Meeting-** Director Ryan provided updates on this meeting.
- D. Board Development Committee – No October meeting.** No report given.
- E. Director Updates:** Director Abelli-Amen presented an opportunity for the RCD to provide natural resource technical assistance for a project associated with cannabis cultivation. Board provided feedback. Executive Director Quinto will create an action item on upcoming Board agenda with presence of legal counsel to discuss providing future conservation services to cannabis cultivators.
- F. Executive Director Updates.** Executive Director Quinto provided updates.
- 8. Future Agenda Items.** Executive Director Quinto will include an agenda item on future Board meeting agenda regarding providing conservation services to cannabis cultivators, with the presence of RCD legal counsel, and get formal direction from the Board.
- 9. Adjournment** Motion to adjourn, M: Rolleri, 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 6 ayes (Director Kuszmar absent).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.