



Minutes of the Board Meeting

February 22, 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 Vice Chair Walt Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
Directors Present: Walt Ryan, Dennis Murphy, Ron Rolleri, Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle
Directors Absent: Vickie Mulas, Jennifer Kuszmar
Associate Directors present: Earle Cummings
Associate Directors absent: none
Staff present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Kari Wester, Christine Kuehn
Others present: Maggie Sepulveda (NRCS), Lindsey Strain (Petaluma Valley GSA Advisory Committee), Wayne Haydon (Santa Rosa Plain GSA Advisory Committee), Sue Smith (Sonoma Valley GSA Advisory Committee), Philip Buehler (BioEngineering Associates, Inc.) and Evan Engber (BioEngineering Associates, Inc.) and Joe Rochioli (landowner)
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None
3. **Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar. M: Murphy, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
4. **Public Comment:** No public comment was made.
5. **Informational Items**
 - A. **NRCS Report:** Maggie Sepulveda provided a report.
 - B. **Check in with GSA Advisory Committee members.** Lindsey Strain provided updates on the Petaluma Valley Advisory Committee, Wayne Haydon provided updates on the Santa Rosa Plain Advisory Committee and Sue Smith provided updates on the Sonoma Valley Advisory Committee. Discussion focused primarily around potential fees and basin boundary adjustments. There was a discussion of coordinating a future meeting with Board and Advisory Committee members, potentially including those from Gold Ridge RCD as well.
 - C. **Presentation on FARMS Leadership Program.** Christine Kuehn presented on this item.
6. **Action Items**
 - A. **Request from Bioengineering Associates for the RCD to assume responsibility for streambank stabilization project in order to secure grading permit exemption.** Evan Engber and Philip Buehler of BioEngineering Associates presented on this item. Discussion was had among the Directors on this item. Executive Director Quinto will explore possible ways to limit RCD liability should the RCD assume responsibility for this work, and will report back to the Board. No action was taken on this item.

- B. Adopt revised budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.** Director of Finance Pettit presented on this item. Discussions were had among Directors on this item. Motion to adopt revised budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 M: Roller, 2nd: Abelli-Amen. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
- C. Discussion of RCD Board Chair and Sonoma Valley GSA Board seat, potential election of Directors to fill these positions.** Discussions were had among Directors on this item. Executive Director Quinto will check in with Director Mulas on her intentions for continued participation in the Sonoma Valley GSA Board. She will also review RCD policy on Board attendance and return with a recommendation regarding whether a formal exception needs to be made. Motion to appoint John Nagle as Board Chair and Bruce Abelli-Amen to the Executive Committee. M: Murphy, 2nd: Roller. Motion passed, 4 ayes, 1 nay (Abelli-Amen).

7. Update Items

- A. GSA Fundraising Committee Update.** Board Chair Nagle presented updates on this item.
 - B. GSA updates.** Director Abelli-Amen provided an update on the Petaluma Valley GSA and Board Chair Nagle provided updates on the Santa Rosa Plain GSA. Executive Director Quinto provided updates on GSA staffing.
 - C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Feb 15th Meeting.** Director Ryan and Director of Finance Pettit presented minutes and updates from this meeting.
 - D. Board Development Committee.** No meeting occurred.
 - E. Director Updates.** Director Abelli-Amen complimented the latest SRCD eNews and expressed interest in attending the NBWA conference. Director Roller provided updates from the Steelhead festival and Director Nagle provided an updates on the Changing Channels event he attended.
 - F. Executive Director Updates.** Executive Director Quinto provided updates.
- 8. Future Agenda Items.** Executive Director Quinto mentioned having SCAPOSD provide a presentation on their Vital Lands Initiative, and having Ann DuBay from the SCWA come to discuss water and parks bonds and program in a future board meeting.

9. Adjournment Motion to adjourn, M: Roller, 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.