



Minutes of the Board Meeting

March 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 Chair Nagle called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.
Directors Present: John Nagle, Walt Ryan, Dennis Murphy, Ron Rolleri, Jennifer Kuszmar (10:08)
Directors Absent: Vickie Mulas, Bruce Abelli-Amen
Associate Directors present: Earle Cummings
Associate Directors absent: none
Staff present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Kari Wester, Christine Kuehn, Anya Starovoytov, Aaron Fairbrook
Others present: Jenn Walser (NRCS), Karen Gaffney (Sonoma County Ag + Open Space) and Ann DuBay (Sonoma County Water Agency, 11:30am)
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None
3. **Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar. M: Murphy, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 4 ayes (director Kuszmar absent).
4. **Public Comment:** No public comment was made.
5. **Informational Items**
 - A. **NRCS Report:** Jennifer Walser provided a report. Discussion was had among the Directors regarding the importance of NRCS to see groundwater as a resource concern. Executive Director Quinto will work with Director Murphy and Board Chair Nagle on drafting a letter to key decision makers on this item.
 - B. **Presentation on Sonoma County Ag + Open Space's Vital Lands Initiative.** Karen Gaffney presented on this item. She encouraged anyone interested to provide feedback on the Initiative.
6. **Action Items**
 - A. **Adoption of Resolution No. 1718010 Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Sonoma County Coastal Rainwater Catchment and Forbearance Project.** Aaron Fairbrook presented on this item. Motion to approve M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
 - B. **Adoption of Resolution No. 1718011 Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement between the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Sonoma Resource Conservation District for the Upper Mark West Creek Salmonid Enhancement Design Project.** Aaron Fairbrook presented on this item. Motion to approve M: Murphy 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

- C. Consider taking a position of support on the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 and/or the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018.** Ann DuBay presented on this item. Motion to take a position of support on the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68/SB5) M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 3 ayes. (2 nays: Ryan, Murphy). Executive Director Quinto will draft a letter to this affect to send in support of this campaign.

Motion to hold off on taking a position of support on the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018 water bond until the item has received a ballot number M: Murphy, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

- D. Review policies regarding Director attendance at Board meetings and determine whether a formal exception is necessary in the case of Director illness or other extenuating circumstances.** Executive Director Quinto presented on this item, recommending that no action was necessary as the current policy can accommodate absences under extenuating circumstances. No action was taken.

7. Update Items

- A. GSA Fundraising Committee Update.** Board Chair Nagle presented updates on this item.
- B. GSA updates.** Board Chair Nagle provided updates on the Santa Rosa Plain GSA. Executive Director Quinto provided clarification on rate options on the table in each GSA as well as updates on GSA staffing.
- C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.** No meeting occurred.
- D. Board Development Committee.** No meeting occurred. Executive Director Quinto noted that, since the last meeting of this committee, two additional Directors had indicated interest in committee membership. At the suggestion of Director Ryan, Board Chair Nagle selected the following three members to serve on the Committee moving forward: Directors Abelli-Amen, Kuszmar, and Murphy.
- E. Director Updates.** Director Kuszmar provided a recap on a CARCD Directors Bootcamp. Director Murphy provided updates on a meeting he attended regarding the Potter Valley project. Director Rolleri mentioned the North Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council open house coming up and Board Chair Nagle provided an updates on a FARMs tour he was planning with staff.
- F. Executive Director Updates.** Executive Director Quinto provided updates.

- 8. Future Agenda Items.** Director Murphy expressed interest in a future board field trip to the Gualala Watershed.

- 9. Adjournment** Motion to adjourn, M: Nagle, 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.