



Minutes of the Board Meeting

April 23, 2020 - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Meeting was held remotely via Zoom

1. **Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Chair Abelli-Amen called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle, Jennifer Kuszmar, Vickie Mulas, Dennis Murphy, Ron Rolleri

Directors Absent: Walt Ryan

Staff present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Kari Wester, Anya Starovoytov, Shannon Drew, Erica Mikesh

Others present: Drew Loganbill (NRCS), Beth Bruzzone

2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda** (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B))

Chair Abelli-Amen proposed to move the director updates to the beginning of the meeting. Item 6F was removed from the agenda due to the legislation not moving forward in the current legislative cycle.

3. **Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve April Board meeting agenda, January Board meeting minutes, February financial report, and January and February Monthly Transactions for Board Review. M: Murphy, 2nd: Nagle. Motion passed, 5 ayes, 1 abstention (Mulas abstained).

4. **Public comment:** None.

5. **Information Items**

A. **NRCS Report:** Drew Loganbill provided a report.

6. **Action Items**

A. **Acceptance of Quarterly Staff Report.** Valerie Quinto presented this item. The Board asked questions and discussed. Motion to accept staff report M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

B. **Approval of Personnel Manual Emergency Addendum, including policies on Emergency Teleworking, Section 125 Premium Only Plan eligibility, and Emergency Paid Sick Leave, Family and Medical Leave:** Valerie Quinto and Adrienne Pettit presented this item. The Directors asked questions and discussed. Motion to approve this emergency personnel manual addendum, striking the second part of the sentence at page 12, ending the sentence with "eligibility at any time;" and adding a statement at the beginning of addendum specifying that the Executive Committee has authority to make changes to the addendum as needed, through December 31, 2020 M: Mulas, 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

- C. Adoption of Resolution No. 1920-003 Authorizing Signatures on the Exchange Bank Accounts:** Valerie Quinto presented this item. The resolution would allow Chair Abelli-Amen to be a signer on the Exchange bank accounts, also retaining all existing signers. Motion to adopt resolution M: Murphy, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
- D. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.** Drew Loganbill of NRCS presented this item. This change replaces the old cooperative working agreement with a new memorandum of agreement between CARCD, NRCS, and SRCD. The board asked questions and discussed. Motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
- E. Approval of coverage for the Nuns 1 – Rural Road BMPs project under the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Sonoma County LandSmart Program:** Director Kuszmar recused herself from this item, leaving the Zoom meeting for the item. Anya Starovoytov presented this item. The board asked questions and discussed. Motion to approve coverage for this project under the LandSmart CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration M: Murphy, 2nd: Nagle. Motion passed, 5 ayes, 1 Abstention (Kuszmar).
- ~~**F. Consider support of Assembly Bill 2518 (Wood) stream restoration landowner liability**~~

This item was **removed from the agenda because the piece of legislation is not being considered in this legislative cycle.**

- G. Board committee membership – review and update as needed** The Board of Directors presented this item. The board discussed whether to decommission any committees or change board committee memberships for any members. Directors Rolleri and Nagle explained the difficulty of securing funding for the RCD’s GSA participation. Director Mulas discussed concerns about GSA matters. Chair Abelli-Amen proposed to continue to maintain the GSA funding committee. No motion was required for this item.

7. Update Items

- A. GSA Updates.** Discussed under 6G.
- B. Executive Committee – notes from March 30, 2020 meeting**
- C. Board Development Committee – no meeting was held**
- D. Director Updates**
- E. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates**

Valerie Quinto presented this item. She presented highlights of changes proposed to the Public Resources Code Division 9. A main idea of the changes is to set standards of transparency of how the state can qualify an RCD for baseline funding.

- 8. Future Agenda Items.** None.
- 9. Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.