



Minutes of the Board Meeting

October 28, 2021

1221 Farmers Lane, North Wing Conference Room, Suite 400
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
707.569.1448, ext. 102

- 1. Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Board Chair Abelli-Amen called the meeting to order at 10:50 AM.

Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, Ron Rolleri, Jennifer Kuszmar, Ariana Reguzzoni

Associate & Emeritus Directors Present: Beth Bruzzone, Earle W. Cummings, Walt Ryan

Staff Present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Kristopher Ballard

Others Present: Sebastian Tsocanos (NRCS), Ann DuBay and Marcus Trotta (GSAs)

- 2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None.

- 3. Consent Calendar:** Approval of October Board Meeting agenda, August Board Meeting minutes, July and August financial statements and June, July, and August monthly transactions for board review. Motion to approve Consent Calendar. M: Rolleri, 2nd: Kuszmar. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

- 4. Public Comment:** None.

- 5. Recognition of Service:**

A. Presentation of Gold Resolution for Walt Ryan's service on RCD Board. Valerie Quinto presented this item, and several Directors expressed their appreciation for Walt Ryan's contributions to the RCD.

B. Action: Consider appointment of Walt Ryan as Emeritus Director. The Board Development Committee presented this item. Motion to appoint, M: Rolleri, 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passes, 4 ayes.

- 6. Information Items:**

A. Presentation from Groundwater Sustainability Agency staff on Groundwater Sustainability Plans. Ann DuBay and Marcus Trotta delivered this presentation, which detailed the ongoing development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for three groundwater basins that are subject to such oversight: Sonoma Valley, the Santa Rosa Plain and Petaluma Valley. The plans are being developed locally and will be updated every five years. The first public comment period for the GSPs has closed, but there will be a second comment period at the state level. Drafts of the three GSPs are available to the public for review.

B. NRCS Report. Sebastian Tsocanos provided the NRCS Report. Applications for the EQIP program are due at the latest by January 28, 2022, though applicants are encouraged to submit before then if able.

C. Staff Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22, First Quarter. Valerie Quinto presented the Staff Report, which highlighted the start of new projects, such as preparations to implement planting at

Brown Farm, as well as the conclusion of other projects, such as completion of a rainwater catchment system in Mark West. Director Kuszmar expressed enthusiasm for the new report format.

7. Action Items:

- A. **Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2020-21 year-end financial report.** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. Motion to accept, M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passes, 4 ayes.
- B. **Acceptance of 2020-21 year-end investment report.** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. Motion to accept, M: Rolleri, 2nd: Kuszmar. Motion passes, 4 ayes.
- C. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-004 Authorizing Entering into a Funding Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and Authorizing and Designating a Representative for Post-Fire Recovery in Russian River Sub-Watersheds.** Valerie Quinto presented this item. Motion to adopt, M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passes, 4 ayes.
- D. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-005 Authorizing Entering into a Funding Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and Authorizing and Designating a Representative for Planning on Confined Livestock Facilities in the Petaluma River Watershed.** Valerie Quinto presented this item. Motion to adopt, M: Reguzzoni, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passes, 4 ayes.
- E. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-006 Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of Sonoma Resource Conservation District for the Period October 28, 2021, through November 26, 2021, Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.** Valerie Quinto presented this item. It was noted that any additional Board meetings held remotely will require adoption of new resolutions. Motion to adopt, M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passes, 4 ayes.
- F. **Cancellation of November board meeting, and date change for December meeting to December 9, 2021, 10:45 am.** Valerie Quinto presented this item. Motion to cancel and reschedule, M: Rolleri, 2nd: Kuszmar. Motion passes, 4 ayes.
- G. **Selection of Delegate and Alternate for CARCD annual business meeting.** Valerie Quinto presented this item. Motion to select Director Kuszmar as Delegate and Associate Director Bruzzone as Alternate, M: Rolleri, 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passes, 4 ayes.

8. Update Items

- A. **GSA Updates.** See item 6A.
- B. **Executive Committee.** Valerie Quinto provided notes from the September 3, 2021 meeting. The committee approved entering contracts with RH and Sons for Year 1 Mark West Water Storage Projects, Spye General Engineering for Mark West Shaded Fuel Break, with Atlas Tree Service for Mark West Defensible Space.
- C. **Board Development Committee – no meeting was held**
- D. **Technology Committee –** Valerie Quinto provided notes from October 18, 2021 meeting. The committee recently reviewed proposals for managed IT services, interviewed three candidate firms, and is close to making a selection.

E. Director Updates. Director Rolleri provided an update from the Sonoma County Forest Working Group. An informational get-together is being planned with multiple agencies and other groups to discuss fuels management in riparian areas.

F. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates. None.

9. Future Agenda Items: Director Kuszmar suggested a future update to the Board on the recent construction season.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 PM.

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RCD Board:

Bruce Abelli-Amen, *Chair*

Vickie Mulas, *Director*

Ariana Reguzzoni, *Director*

Beth Bruzzone, *Associate Director*

Earle Cummings, *Emeritus Director*

John Nagle, *Vice Chair*

Jennifer Kuszmar, *Director*

Ron Rolleri, *Director*

Dennis Murphy, *Associate Director*

Delmar Friedrichsen, *Emeritus Director*

RCD Staff:

Valerie Quinto, *Executive Director*

Christine Kuehn, *Education & Communications Manager*

Keith Abeles, *Soil & Water Specialist*

Kevin Cullinen, *Project Manager*

Katie Robbins, *Project Manager*

Wendi Asuncion, *Staff Accountant*

Kristopher Ballard, *Office Assistant*

Robert Heim, *Program Assistant*

Adrienne Pettit, *Director of Finance*

Aaron Fairbrook, *Program Manager*

Jessica Pollitz, *Engineer*

Jason Wells, *Forester*

Kari Wester, *Project Manager*

Any Starovoytov, *Project Manager*

Shannon Drew, *Program Assistant*