



Board Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2022

Meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

1. **Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Board Chair Abelli-Amen called the meeting to order at 10:47 am.

Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, Jennifer Kuszmar, Vickie Mulas (joined the meeting at 11:22 AM, during item 7B), John Nagle (joined the meeting at 10:52 AM, during information item 6B), Ron Roller, Ariana Reguzzoni

Directors Absent: Beth Bruzzone

Associate & Emeritus Directors Present: Dennis Murphy, Earle Cummings

Staff Present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Shannon Drew, Robert Heim, Aaron Fairbrook

Others Present: Nickolas Goodman (NRCS)

2. **Action Item: Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-008 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 January 27, 2022 through February 25, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.** Valerie Quinto presented this item. Motion to adopt resolution M: Roller, 2nd: Kuszmar. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
3. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None.
4. **Consent Calendar:** Approval of January Board meeting agenda, December Board Meeting minutes, October and November financials, and October and November Monthly Transactions for Board Review
Motion to approve consent calendar M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Roller. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Information Items**
 - A. **NRCS Report.** Nickolas Goodman provided the NRCS Report.
 - B. **Summary Presentation on 2021 Construction Season.** Aaron Fairbrook presented this item. Aaron provided a slideshow highlighting progress and challenges from the 2021 construction season at Sonoma RCD. Aaron also shared some upcoming projects slated for 2022.

7. Action Items

- A. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair.** The Board discussed who would be available and willing to take the positions of Board Chair and Vice Chair. The group discussed what responsibility each of those two roles has. The group decided that John Nagle will be Board Chair, Jennifer Kuszmar will be Board Vice Chair, and Ariana Reguzzoni will be the third Board member sitting on the Executive Committee. M: John Nagle, 2nd: Bruce Abelli-Amen, Motion passed, 5 ayes (Director John Nagle was present for this and all subsequent votes in the meeting).
- B. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-009 for Funding from Calfire, for “Forestry Technical Assistance”, as Funded Through Senate Bill – 170 Budget Act Of 2021.** Valerie Quinto presented this item. M: Kuszmar, 2nd: Rolleri, Motion passed, 6 ayes (Director Vickie Mulas was present for this and all subsequent votes in the meeting).
- C. **Discuss expectations regarding repayment of GSA member agency contributions.** Executive Director Valerie Quinto presented this item and the Board discussed. Valerie summarized takeaways from the Board’s discussion of this issue: The RCD wants to be paid back, but not if the cost falls solely on the backs of well owners. If some member agencies are repaid, then the RCD would be unlikely to defer its repayment. If the RCD is repaid, the Board will discuss and agree on how those funds are used, including the potential to use funds for helping the community with proactive groundwater management.
- D. **Re-appointment of Dennis Murphy as Associate Director.** The board discussed the re-appointment of Dennis Murphy to Associate Director. Motion to re-appoint M: Rolleri, 2nd: Kuszmar, Motion passed, 6 ayes.
- E. **Board committee membership – review and update as needed.** Valerie Quinto presented this item and the board discussed. The only change to current Director assignments was the appointment of John Nagle to serve as Alternate for the Petaluma Valley GSA Board (replacing Jen Kuszmar). This assignment was made by the Chair.

8. Update Items

- A. **GSA Updates.** (GSA Directors & Alternates) GSA Directors and Alternates provided updates.
- B. **Executive Committee – no meeting was held**
- C. **Board Development Committee – no meeting was held**
- D. **Technology Committee – no meeting was held**
- E. **Director Updates:** John Nagle announced his retirement from Gallo. Ron Rolleri provided an update from the Sonoma County Forest Conservation Working Group meeting.
- F. **Executive Director & Other Staff Updates:** Valerie Quinto shared updates. There is a Board and Staff volunteer day coming up in March. Valerie will soon send out a calendar invite for a fiscal training in April. Form 700 - statement of economic interest will need to be filed online by all voting directors by April 1st.

9. **Future Agenda Items:** None.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

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RCD Board:

Bruce Abelli-Amen, *Chair*

Vickie Mulas, *Director*

Ariana Reguzzoni, *Director*

Beth Bruzzone, *Director*

Earle Cummings, *Emeritus Director*

Walt Ryan, *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*

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*