



## Board Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2022

Meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

1. **Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Board Chair Nagle called the meeting to order at 10:53 am.  
Directors Present: John Nagle, Ron Rollereri, Ariana Reguzzoni, Beth Bruzzone  
Directors Absent: Jennifer Kuszmar, Bruce Abelli-Amen, Vickie Mulas  
Associate & Emeritus Directors Present: None  
Staff Present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Robert Heim, Tom Hammond  
Others Present: Chris Howington (NRCS)
2. **Action Item: Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-010 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 February 24, 2022 through March 25, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.** Motion to adopt resolution M: Rollereri, 2nd: Bruzzone. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
3. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Chair Nagle shared that he'd like to discuss an opportunity to work with Pollinator Partnership. Valerie Quinto suggested that this could be covered as a Director Update, taken out of order to discuss adjacent to the NRCS Report.
4. **Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar M: Rollereri, 2nd: Bruzzone. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Information Items**
  - A. **NRCS Report.** Chris Howington reported that approximately 38 applications were submitted from the December deadline and that the next deadline is April 1. NRCS is implementing a new practice of establishing eligibility/USDA farm records as a first step in the application process. Our NRCS office has a new Farm Bill Assistant starting soon and the District Conservationist opening has been flown.  
Chair Nagle provided a Director Update that Pollinator Partnership and Wine Institute ma be seeking RCD involvement in a proposed RCPP for pollinator practices throughout the state. He will connect Valerie with a contact at Wine Institute for further discussion.
  - B. **Quarterly Staff Report.** Valerie Quinto presented this item, highlighting a few of the items listed and drawing attention to the new format for reporting on Strategic Plan progress.
7. **Action Items**
  - A. **Acceptance of FY21-22 Q2 Financial Report** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. Motion to accept report. M: Reguzzoni, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rollereri. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

- B. Acceptance of FY21-22 Q2 Investment Report** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. Motion to accept report. M: Bruzzone, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rolleri. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
- C. Approval of updated Personnel Manual** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. The Board asked questions and discussed. Motion to approve updated manual. M: Bruzzone, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Reguzzoni. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

**8. Update Items**

- A. GSA Updates.** Chair Nagle reported on the development of fee studies for the GSAs. Director Bruzzone reported that she had an orientation meeting with GSA staff.
- 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:** Director Bruzzone reported on her involvement with the local Coastal Plan update.
- F. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates:** Valerie Quinto highlighted Form 700 needs, and took a quick poll on Director availability for Board Fiscal Training on June 23<sup>rd</sup> (regular board meeting date, longer meeting).

- 9. Future Agenda Items:** Chair Nagle requested information on Registered Professional Foresters being hired by local agencies, including scope of services provided by each agency and any overlap in services. Director Rolleri requested a recap of highlights from the CA Association of RCDs Conference.

- 10. Closed Session: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: Executive Director** The Board went into closed session at 12:35 pm. No reportable action was taken.

- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.