



Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2022

Meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

1. **Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Board Vice Chair Jennifer Kuszmar called meeting to order at 10:46 am. A quorum was determined, with 4 directors present initially.
Directors Present: Jennifer Kuszmar, Bruce Abelli-Amen, Ron Rolleri, Beth Bruzzone, Ariana Reguzzoni, John Nagle (Directors Reguzzoni and Nagle both arrived during discussion of item 6A at 10:55 and 10:58 am, respectively.)
Directors Absent: Vickie Mulas
Associate & Emeritus Directors Present: Associate Director Dennis Murphy
Staff Present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Shannon Drew
Others Present: Chris Howington (NRCS)
2. **Action Item: Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-013 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 March 24, 2022 through April 22, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.** Valerie Quinto presented this item. Motion to adopt resolution M: Rolleri, 2nd: Bruzzone. Motion passed, 4 ayes (Rolleri, Bruzzone, Abelli-Amen, Kuszmar).
3. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda.** No additions or changes were made to the agenda.
4. **Consent Calendar** Motion to approve consent calendar M: Bruzzone, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 4 ayes (Rolleri, Bruzzone, Abelli-Amen, Kuszmar)
5. **Public comment:** None.
6. **Information Items**
 - A. **NRCS Report.** Chris Howington provided an NRCS report. A new Farm Bill Assistant is hired and helping the Petaluma NRCS staff. EQIP deadline is coming soon on April 1st.
7. **Action Items**
 - A. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-011 Authorizing Signatures for Funds 72403 & 72404 with Sonoma County.** Director of Finance Adrienne Pettit presented this item. During discussion of this item 6A, two directors joined the meeting (Director Ariana Reguzzoni and Board Chair John Nagle), bringing the total number of voting directors present to 6. The Board provided input and asked questions. Adrienne answered the Board's questions and clarified the implications of this resolution. Motion to adopt resolution M:

Abelli-Amen, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 6 ayes (Bruzzone, Reguzzoni, Nagle, Kuszmar, Abelli-Amen, Rolleri).

B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-012 Authorizing Reapplication for a Revolving Line of Credit with Exchange Bank and Designating Individuals Authorized to Approve Line of Credit Transactions. Director of Finance Adrienne Pettit presented this item. The Board discussed this resolution and asked questions. Associate Director Dennis Murphy asked a clarifying question and provided some input for planning future financial management and banking. Adrienne answered the Board's questions. Motion to adopt resolution M: Abelli-Amen, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

C. First discussion of Assembly Bill 1902 for potential RCD support. Executive Director Valerie Quinto presented this item, giving a breakdown of the historical background of this legislation and its implications for RCDs in California. This bill would change the stated roles of the California Department of Conservation as it relates to working with RCDs, and would also clarify the work of RCDs. Directors asked questions and discussed, and Valerie answered the questions with more information. The Board expressed interest in a standing agenda item to track this bill.

8. Update Items

A. GSA updates. Directors and alternates who attended Santa Rosa Plain and Petaluma GSA meetings provided updates and discussed local groundwater issues facing users.

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 Ron Rolleri attended the Gualala River Watershed Council meeting and heard a shared eagerness within that community to begin working under the Bureau of Reclamation grant which the RCD will soon be using to coordinate the Stakeholder Collaborative in that watershed.

Directors John Nagle and Associate Director Dennis Murphy provided an update on their work to finish the Russian River Drought Agreement and send this to the Water Board.

Director John Nagle shared about how invasive Arundo removal has been an effective water conservation strategy for Monterey RCD along the Salinas River. Valerie Quinto and the Board discussed historical Arundo removal projects which Sonoma RCD has led and alluded to some of the successes and challenges of these kinds of projects in the District's history.

F. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates

Executive Director Valerie Quinto reminded the Board about the timeline of the Form 700 process and offered her help to directors to help them complete this annual process.

The Sonoma RCD Board and Staff afternoon of service and fun is coming up next week on March 31st. Valerie Quinto encouraged board members to RSVP with Redwood Empire Food Bank online and provided instructions for this process.

- 9. Future Agenda Items.** Now that Sonoma RCD Strategic Plan implementation committees, comprised of SRCD Board and Staff, are meeting regularly, updates from these committee meetings will be included in the staff reports at future Board meetings.
- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.