



Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2022

Remote Meeting via Zoom

1. **Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Board Chair John Nagle determined the quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:48 am.
Directors Present: John Nagle, Bruce Abelli-Amen, Ariana Reguzzoni, and Ron Rolleri
Directors Absent: Beth Bruzzzone and Vickie Mulas
Associate & Emeritus Directors Present: Dennis Murphy and Earle Cummings
Staff Present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Kari Johnson, Christine Kuehn, Shannon Drew, and Karen López
Others Present: Joe Thiel (NRCS), Madeline Tome (NRCS), Chris Peterson, Fred Euphrat, John Gorman, Isaac Jenkins, and Steve Worrell.
2. **Action Item: Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-005 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 September 22, 2022 through October 21, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.** Motion to adopt - M: Abelli-Amen, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
3. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)) No additions or changes were made.
4. **Consent Calendar:** Approval of September Board Meeting agenda, July Board Meeting minutes, and June Monthly Transactions for Board Review. Motion to approve - M: Abelli-Amen, 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Information Items**
 - A. **NRCS Report:** Joe Thiel provided the NRCS report, including mention of 30 new funding contracts. Joe also discussed staffing changes in the NRCS Petaluma office, including recent departure of the District Conservationist.
 - B. **Community Partnership Building and JEDI Research:** Christine Kuehn and Shannon Drew presented this item, opened the floor for questions, then further discussed the purpose of this research and the RCD's role in these partnerships.
7. **Action Items**
 - A. **Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2021-22 year-end financial report:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. A suggestion was made to review different, more diverse financial metrics in future reports. Motion to accept - M: Abelli-Amen, 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
 - B. **Acceptance of 2021-22 year-end investment report:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item, including a discussion about unrealized losses. Motion to accept - M: Rolleri. 2nd: Abelli-Amen, Motion passed, 4 ayes.

- C. Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-006 Authorizing Opening of a New Checking Account with Exchange Bank and Designating Signers for the New Account:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item, answered questions, and provided further information. Motion to adopt - M: Rolleri, 2nd: Abelli-Amen. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
- D. Appointment of Associate Directors and Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to appoint Director:** Valerie Quinto presented this item and clarified appointment processes. All new appointees were present. Motion to approve - M: Rolleri, 2nd: Abelli-Amen. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
- E. Recommendation to Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Bruce Abelli-Amen, Beth Bruzzone, and John Nagle as Directors:** Valerie Quinto presented this item. Motion to approve - M: Rolleri, 2nd: Abelli-Amen. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
- F. Re-appointment of GSA Advisory Committee Members: Lindsey Strain, Petaluma Valley GSA; Wayne Haydon, Santa Rosa Plain GSA; Taylor Serres, Sonoma Valley GSA:** John Nagle and Bruce Abelli-Amen discussed this item, providing background information for the new Associate Directors. Valerie Quinto also answered questions regarding GSAs and appointed committee members. Motion to approve - M: Abelli-Amen, 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

8. Update Items

- A. GSA Updates.** John Nagle (Santa Rosa Plain GSA Director) and Bruce Abelli-Amen (Petaluma Valley GSA Director) provided GSA updates, including mention of recent fee changes. Valerie Quinto pointed out that GSAs can now apply for the next round of funding from the DWR to support Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation.
- B. Executive Committee: notes from 9/2/22 meeting** – John Nagle provided background as to content of the meeting and confirmed that construction is now happening on the approved project. Valerie Quinto will check in with Tom Hammond about potentially coordinating a site visit for Board members.
- C. Board Development Committee: notes from 9/6/22 & 9/12/22 meetings** – No discussion of this item as it was previously discussed as part of this month’s action items.
- D. Technology Committee: no meeting was held**
- E. Director Updates:** None.
- F. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates:** Valerie Quinto provided updates about the new USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities grant and new RCD Project Manager and Forestry Technician.

- 9. Future Agenda Items:** Creation of a water district in Alexander Valley, including potential RCD involvement. A newly created password protection policy will be presented to the Board for approval in October.

- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm.