



## Board Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2022

Remote Meeting via Zoom

1. **Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Board Chair John Nagle determined the quorum & called the meeting to order at 10:48am.  
Directors Present: John Nagle, Bruce Abelli-Amen, Ariana Reguzzoni, Vickie Mulas, Beth Bruzzone, & Ron Rolleri (in after approval of the Consent Calendar, 10:59am).  
Directors Absent: None.  
Associate & Emeritus Directors Present: Dennis Murphy, Chris Peterson, Steven Worrell, Isaac Jenkins, & Earle Cummings.  
Staff Present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Kari Johnson, Ari DeMarco, & Kari Wester.  
Others Present: Veronica Rivera (NRCS) & Madeline Tome (NRCS).
2. **Action Item: Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-007 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 27, 2022 through November 25, 2022 to Brown Act Provisions.**  
Motion to adopt - M: Mulas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bruzzone. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
3. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)) No additions or changes were made.
4. **Consent Calendar:** Approval of October Board Meeting agenda, September Board Meeting minutes, and July and August Monthly Transactions for Board Review. Motion to approve - M: Abelli-Amen, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Reguzzoni. Motion failed, 3 ayes, 2 abstentions.
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Information Items**
  - A. **NRCS Report:** Veronica Rivera provided the NRCS report; highlighting 37 contracts awarded to Sonoma County producers, upcoming arrival of the new District Conservationist in December, and President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act. Discussion ensued regarding what role the NRCS and RCD play in reauthorization of the Farm Bill.
  - B. **Collaborative efforts in Alexander Valley:** Director John Nagle and Associate Director Dennis Murphy discussed this item related to water security in the area, as well as the RCD's role in such efforts. Valerie Quinto further discussed the possibility that the RCD could consider taking a formal position regarding the Eel River diversion, and it was requested this topic be included as a future agenda item.
  - C. **Staff Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23, First Quarter:** Valerie Quinto presented this item as a combination of implementation and preparing for next construction season. A suggestion was made to coordinate future site visits for the Board for beginning projects.
7. **Action Items**

- A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-008 Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for Levee Program Participation:** Kari Wester presented this item with preface that she will present on the levee program more formally in the next few months, to further detail levee maintenance and permitting. Presently, the RCD will contract with CDFW to structure pay for levee program participation per parcel. Motion to adopt - M: Abelli-Amen, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-009 Stating Intent to Participate in the Activities of the Sonoma County Special Districts Association:** Valerie Quinto presented this item, providing background on participation and mentioning the need to choose an alternate representative. Suggestions were made for a typographical edit to the resolution as well as the membership listing on the SCSDA website. Motion to adopt - M: Mulas. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bruzzone. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
- C. Adoption of Password Protection Policy:** Valerie Quinto presented this item. Motion to adopt - M: Abelli-Amen, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
- D. Cancellation of November board meeting, and date change for December meeting to December 8, 2022, 10:00 am:** Valerie Quinto presented this item and will send the Zoom link for the December meeting. Motion to approve - M: Abelli-Amen, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

## 8. Update Items

- A. GSA Updates:** Discussion ensued regarding GSA involvement in the County's impending new well ordinance and suggestions to be made to the GSAs for potential changes to the fee system.
- 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:** There was mention of contract administration for a project in Gualala River watershed and an announcement by Director John Nagle that he is no longer on the Advisory Committee with Ag + Open Space.
- F. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates:** Valerie Quinto provided updates about the Board of Supervisors November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to approve RCD Board appointments and mentioned the possibility of changing the start time of future RCD Board meetings, to be discussed at the same time as a move to in-person or hybrid meetings.

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

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm.