



## Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 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 10:00am.  
Directors Present: John Nagle, Bruce Abelli-Amen, Vickie Mulas, Ron Rolleri, Isaac Jenkins, and Beth Bruzzone (in after item 2).  
Directors Absent: Ariana Reguzzoni.  
Associate Directors Present: Dennis Murphy, Chris Peterson, Steven Worrell, Fred Euphrat, and John Gorman.  
Staff Present: Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit, Kari Johnson, Aaron Fairbrook, and Jessica Pollitz.  
Others Present: Veronica Rivera (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: Rolleri, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Abelli-Amen. 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 December Board Meeting agenda, October Board Meeting minutes, Special Board Meeting minutes from November 17, 2022, and September Monthly Transactions for Board Review; re-approval of consent calendar from October Board Meeting. Motion to approve: Abelli-Amen, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rolleri. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Information Items**
  - A. **NRCS Report:** Veronica Rivera provided the NRCS report highlighting numerous changes to come in 2023, including new trainings offered. Discussion ensued about potential methods for streamlining NRCS program application and requirements per EQIP and CEQA. Valerie Quinto mentioned that an incoming District Conservationist provides opportunity to revamp local work group meetings as an avenue to provide feedback to the State office.
7. **Action Items**
  - A. **Presentation and acceptance of 2021-22 Audited Financial Statements:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item with background on GASB and GAAP for new Associates and Directors, in addition to noting that present RCD leadership change will be noted in the next audit. Motion to accept: Abelli-Amen, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
  - B. **Acceptance of FY22-23 Q1 Financial Report:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item, noting historic consistencies and deference to her successor for implementing Board requested changes to the dashboard report. Motion to accept: Rolleri. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Abelli-Amen. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

- C. **Acceptance of FY22-23 Q1 Investment Report:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item, noting restrictions on what the RCD can invest in as a State agency. Motion to accept: Abelli-Amen, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bruzzone. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
- D. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-011 Authorizing Signatures on the Exchange Bank Money Market Account:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. Motion to adopt: Mulas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bruzzone. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
- E. **Discussion/feedback on return to in-person meetings in 2023 and options for hybrid meetings:** Valerie Quinto presented two primary options related to this item, with reference to AB-2449 which enumerates updated requirements for teleconferencing. The board was supportive of moving forward with the hybrid meeting option. No reportable action was taken.
- F. **Discussion on technical assistance requests for urban streambank erosion and flooding:** Aaron Fairbrook presented this item, requesting clarification and guidance on the RCD's role in addressing these urban project requests. No reportable action was taken.
- G. **Discuss Chair & Vice Chair elections to be held in January 2023, Director interest in these roles:** The Board discussed this item, with John Nagle and Bruce Abelli-Amen expressing interest in continuing in the Chair and Vice Chair roles, respectively. No reportable action was taken.

## 8. Update Items

- A. **GSA Updates:** Director Abelli-Amen relayed his involvement in the County PRMD well ordinance technical work group.
- B. **Executive Committee:** *minutes from 11/8/22 meeting*
- C. **Board Development Committee:** *no meeting was held*
- D. **Technology Committee:** *no meeting was held*
- E. **Director Updates:** Director Bruzzone asked a question regarding a land use project she heard about at a Board of Supervisors meeting. Valerie Quinto shared that the RCD had not been involved with the landowner of this particular proposed project, and clarified that the RCD does not take positions of support or opposition to individual land use projects, but rather works with landowners (upon their request) to determine whether the RCD's services could provide a natural resource benefit in the context of the site and its current or planned land use.
- F. **Executive Director & Other Staff Updates:** Valerie Quinto provided an update about contracting with a local recruitment firm to aid the RCD's search for a Finance & Administration Director.

## 9. Future Agenda Items: None.

**10. Closed Session: Public Employee Appointment (§ 54957) Title: Executive Director** The Board went into closed session at 12:37 pm. In this session, the Board took the action of appointing Aaron Fairbrook to serve as Interim Executive Director after Valerie Quinto's departure from that role January 13.

**11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:57pm.