



Board Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2023 - 10:30am

1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
and via Zoom.

1. **Call to Order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Chair John Nagle determined the quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:33am.
Directors Present: Beth Bruzzone, Isaac Jenkins, Vickie Mulas, John Nagle, Ariana Reguzzoni, and Ron Rolleri.
Director Absent: Bruce Abelli-Amen.
Associate and Emeritus Directors Present: Earle Cummings, Fred Euphrat, Denny Murphy, Chris Peterson, and Steven Worrell.
Staff Present: Che Casul, Kevin Cullinen, Kari Johnson, Christine Kuehn, and Erin Rickard.
Others Present: None.
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)):** None.
3. **Consent Calendar:** Approval of August Board Meeting Agenda and July Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion to approve: Mulas, 2nd: Bruzzone. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
Ayes: Bruzzone, Jenkins, Mulas, Nagle, Reguzzoni, and Rolleri.
Noes: None.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Information Items**
 - A. **NRCS Report:** None.
 - B. **Overview and Current State of Region 1 Vineyard Wastewater Discharge Requirement:** Kevin Cullinen presented this item with a detailed slideshow. Sonoma RCD may participate in the monitoring program in partnership with the Sonoma County Farm Bureau after submitting specific comments to the State Water Resources Control Board. It was mentioned that the most important aspects related to Sonoma RCD are that LandSmart Plans are deemed to count toward the farm evaluation requirement and to request grant-funding to incentivize both participation and adherence.
6. **Action Items**
 - A. **Approval of Project Specific Analysis (PSA) for Shelterwood Collective for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP):** Jason Wells initially presented background information about the CalVTP. He went on to describe Shelterwood Collective's 850-acre property and treatable landscape, noted that the PSA was put together by himself and another Registered Professional Forester, and posed a question to the Board to decide what level of oversight is preferred for approval of impending PSAs. The Board also asked questions and

discussed. Motion to approve the process whereby the Executive Committee is authorized to review five future PSAs, reporting back to the full Board, then subsequently reevaluate this process: Mulas, 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Jenkins, Mulas, Nagle, Reguzzoni, and Rolleri.

Noes: None.

7. Update Items

A. GSA Updates: Chair John Nagle noted that he is now Vice-Chair of the Santa Rosa Plain GSA.

B. Executive Committee: *no meeting was held*

C. Director Updates: Directors provided updates about: the Russian River Water Forum – specifically, that talks have begun with PG&E for purchase of the Potter Valley transfer station – activities of the Forest Conservation Working Group and Gualala River Watershed Council, improvements from an agricultural perspective to the Local Coastal Plan, as well as intent of Sonoma County Regional Parks to implement more prescribed burns.

D. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates: Che Casul relayed that he and Christine Kuehn are preparing the Sonoma RCD Annual Workplan FY23-24 to be presented to the Board, and that a new block grant with Napa County RCD from the California Department of Conservation for the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFC) will serve to fund an additional Sonoma RCD staff member.

8. Future Agenda Items: The Board requested a review of RCD governing documents, which may be tied into an upcoming legal training.

9. Closed Session: The Board confirmed Che Casul in his role as Executive Director post-performance review. The Board also accepted the classification section of the study undertaken by Koff & Associates.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:24pm.