



Board Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2024 - 10:30 am

1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F

Santa Rosa, CA 95405

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Meeting ID: 89546736157

- 1. Call to Order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen determined the quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.
Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle, Steve Worrell, Fred Euphrat, Jennifer Kuszmar, and Isaac Jenkins.
Directors Absent: Ariana Reguzzoni.
Associate Directors Present: Chris Peterson, Dennis Murphy, John Gorman.
Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Adrienne Pettit, Jen Franco, Ari DeMarco, Sophia Pruden, and Karen Saler.
Others Present: None.
- 2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)):** None.
- 3. Consent Calendar:** Approval of September Board Meeting Agenda, August Board Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve: John Nagle, 2nd: Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Jenkins, Nagle, Euphrat, Kuszmar.
Noes: None.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Information Items:**

 - A. NRCS Report:** None.
 - B. CA Dept. of Conservation - Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Grant Overview Presentation:** Sonoma RCD Project Manager, Ari DeMarco presented on the new Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Grant. Ari provided a presentation on Inner Coast collaborative partners, the purpose of funding to address regional forest health priorities, and capacity-building opportunities for SRCD. The Board asked questions.
- 6. Action Items:**

 - A. Acceptance of FY2023-24 Year-End Draft Financial Reports:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item and provided an overview of government-wide versus fund financial statements. The Board asked questions and discussed.
Motion to Approve: Fred Euphrat 2nd: Jen Kuszmar. Motion Passed, 6 ayes.
Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Jenkins, Nagle, Euphrat, Kuszmar.

Noes: None.

- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2425-003 Conflict of Interest Code Update Resolution for County:** Christine Kuehn presented this item, addressing the change in title details made to the resolution illustrated in a redline version included in the packet for the Board's consideration.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle 2nd: Fred Euphrat. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Jenkins, Nagle, Euphrat, Kuszmar.

Noes: None.

- C. Recommendation to Board of Supervisors for appointments to 3 RCD Director positions:** Christine Kuehn presented this item, addressing the positions of Board Directors: Reguzzoni, Worrell, and Kuszmar will be included in the Board of Supervisors consent calendar anticipated for December 6, 2024.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle 2nd: Fred Euphrat. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Jenkins, Nagle, Euphrat, Kuszmar.

Noes: None.

- D. Board approval of response to the Draft California Association of Resource Conservation District Bylaws:**

Christine Kuehn presented the memo included in the Board Meeting packet addressing the California Resource Conservation District bylaws. The Board asked questions and agreed on recommendation #1: Approve the recommendations detailed above to CARCD for consideration of inclusion in the next iteration of their bylaws by their due date of September 30, 2024.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle 2nd: Steve Worrell. Motion passes, 6 ayes.

Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Jenkins, Nagle, Euphrat, Kuszmar.

Noes: None.

7. Update Items:

- A. Executive Committee:** Notes from the previous two meetings (August 22, 2024, and September 24, 2024) were provided in the Board packet. No questions were asked.
- B. Board Development Committee:** No meeting was held. Christine Kuehn shared the Associate Director recruitment information with staff on the JEDI Committee for outreach input to community partners. The full Board and staff were encouraged to share the Associate application form.
- C. Technology Committee:** No meeting was held.
- D. GSA Updates:** Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen reported back on the internal GSA meeting held earlier in September with the Board, staff, and Advisory Committee members. Bruce will attend interim Petaluma Valley advisory committee meetings until AC member Lindsay can do so. Wayne affirmed he will continue to represent the Santa Rosa Plain GSA. Director Isaac Jenkins reported back on Sonoma GSA.

- E. All Director Updates:** Director Fred Euphrat reported on upcoming plans for a forestry tour in the 5th Supervisorial District.
- F. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates:** Christine Kuehn introduced Jen Franco, Sonoma RCD's new Administrative Manager, James Gregory Sonoma RCD's 2024-25 GrizzlyCorps Fellow, and the status of hiring for the Agriculture Project Manager position. Two work anniversaries were brought up: Agricultural Program Director Anya Starovoytov (10 years) and Community Engagement Assistant Karen Saler (1 year). Christine Kuehn presented some opportunities for the Board to join youth education field trips this fall.

8. Future Agenda Items: None.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm.