



Board Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2024 - 10:30am

1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F

Santa Rosa, CA 95405

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89546736157>

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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 10:32 am.
Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle, Ariana Reguzzoni, Steve Worrell, and Isaac Jenkins.
Directors Absent: Fred Euphrat.
Associate Directors Present: Chris Peterson, Dennis Murphy, John Gorman.
Emeritus Directors Present: Earle Cummings.
Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Adrienne Pettit, Aaron Fairbrook, Jessica Pollitz, Colin Nicol, and Karen Saler.
Others Present: None.
- 2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)):** None.
- 3. Consent Calendar:** Approval of August Board Meeting Agenda, July Board Meeting Minutes and June 2024 Endowment Fund financial reports. Motion to approve: John Nagle, 2nd: Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 4 ayes.
Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Jenkins, Nagle.
Noes: None.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Information Items:**
 - A. NRCS Report:** None.
 - B. Sonoma County Farm Bureau Report on Measure J:** Sonoma County Farm Bureau Board Chair Doug Beretta presented information on the upcoming Measure J and its impact on local producers. Before this discussion, Christine Kuehn provided the board and staff with information on the full measure via Sonoma County's website and links to both Yes on J and No on J resources. The board asked questions.
- 6. Action Items:**
 - A. Acceptance of 2023-24 year-end investment report:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item, answered board questions and provided further information.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle 2nd: Isaac Jenkins. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.

Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Reguzzoni, Nagle, Jenkins.

Noes: None.

- B. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2425-002 Authorizing Opening of a New Prime Fund Account with California CLASS and Designating Authorized Signers for the New Account:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item, answered board questions, and provided further information.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle 2nd: Isaac Jenkins. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Reguzzoni, Nagle, Jenkins.

Noes: None.

- C. **Date Change for November meeting to Thursday, November 21, 2024, 10:30 am and date change for December meeting to Friday, December 13, 2024, 10:30 am.**

Motion to Approve: John Nagle 2nd: Ariana Reguzzoni. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Reguzzoni, Nagle, Jenkins.

Noes: None.

7. Update Items:

- A. **Executive Committee:** Notes from the previous two meetings in the Board packet.
- B. **Board Development Committee:** No meeting was held.
- C. **Technology Committee:** No meeting was held.
- D. **GSA Updates:** Bruce Abelli-Amen has initiated the process for an internal RCD meeting with the advisory committee members, board directors, and staff involved in all three GSA basins. The meeting is set for September 19th. Jessica Pollitz provided an update on our GSA contracts inclusive of community outreach efforts and pilot projects to support groundwater recharge.
- E. **All Director Updates:** John Gorman introduced the new UCCE water and soil farm advisor for Sonoma, Napa, and Mendocino Counties. Dennis Murphy addressed how the RCD could assist with the next steps for the Alexander Valley Water District and expressed an interest in installing stream gauges on the Russian River near Asti.
- F. **Executive Director & Other Staff Updates:** Christine Kuehn addressed the current state of hiring for vacant staff positions and introduced the RCD's new Water Resources Project Manager, Colin Nicol. Karen Saler presented a volunteer opportunity to the Board through Friends of the Petaluma River for the Petaluma River Clean-up occurring September 21st in conjunction with Coastal Cleanup Day. More details will be sent via email.

8. Future Agenda Items: None.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.