



## Board Meeting Minutes

**October 24, 2024 - 10:30 am**

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, Steve Worrell, Fred Euphrat, Isaac Jenkins and Ariana Reguzzoni (arrived 10:45am).  
Directors Absent: Jen Kuszmar.  
Associate Directors Present: Chris Peterson, John Gorman.  
Associate Directors Absent: Dennis Murphy.  
Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Adrienne Pettit, Jen Franco, Ari DeMarco, Jessica Pollitz, and Aaron Fairbrook.  
Others Present: Rob Lawson, Tasha Newman.
- 2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)):**

  - Addition of 5C: Proposition 4 Presentation by Tasha Newman from Pacific Policy Group, LLC
  - Addition of 6D: Board Approval of LandSmart® Project Verification Report for Sediment Reduction Project
- 3. Consent Calendar:** Approval of October Board Meeting Agenda, September Board Meeting Minutes and FY24-25 Q1 Endowment & LVMB Fund financial reports.  
**Motion to approve:** John Nagle, **2nd:** Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 5 ayes.  
**Ayes:** Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Jenkins, Nagle, Euphrat.  
**Nays:** None.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Information Items:**

  - A. NRCS Report:** None.
  - B. Sonoma-Marin Agriculture County Climate Coalition Overview:** Sonoma RCD Executive Director, Christine Kuehn, presented the Sonoma-Marin Agriculture County Climate Coalition (SMACCC), a pilot initiative funded by a grant from the USDA NRCS Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities award. Christine provided details about the 5-year grant including the grant goals, partnerships, and target metrics. The Board asked questions.

- C. **Proposition 4 Presentation:** Tasha Newman from Pacific Policy Group, LLC a firm representing CARCD, presented Proposition 4 on the November 2024 ballot. Tasha provided an overview of the Climate Resilience Bond. The Board asked questions and discussed.

**6. Action Items:**

- A. **Acceptance of FY24-25 Q1 Investment Report:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. She noted that the slide depicting the composition of the Sonoma County Investment Pool and performance relative to its benchmarks was omitted because the County had not yet published their Q1 report. She will share this information at the next meeting. The Board asked questions and discussed.

**Motion to Approve:** John Nagle 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fred Euphrat. Motion Passed, 6 ayes.

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

**Nayes:** None.

- B. **Acceptance of Q1 Staff Activity Report:** Christine Kuehn presented this item, highlighting technical assistance, organizational capacity building and investing in the team.

**Motion to Approve:** John Nagle 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fred Euphrat. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

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

**Nayes:** None.

- C. **Appointment of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Advisory Committee Participation per Basin:** Christine Kuehn presented this item. GSA Advisory Committee members are up for reappointment. Lindsey Strain, Wayne Haydon and Taylor Serres have committed to continuing as Advisory Committee members.

**Motion to Approve:** John Nagle 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

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

**Nayes:** None.

- D. **Board approval of LandSmart Project Verification Report for Sediment Reduction Project:** Project Manager Ari DeMarco presented the Board with a description of the proposed Sediment Reduction Project in the Mark West Creek watershed and provided the Project Checklist. The Project falls under “Herbaceous Weed Control” within the existing LandSmart Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Board asked questions and discussed.

**Motion to Approve:** Fred Euphrat 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ariana Reguzzoni. Motion passes, 6 ayes.

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

**Nayes:** None.

**7. Update Items:**

- A. **Executive Committee:** No meeting was held.
- B. **Board Development Committee:** No meeting was held.
- C. **Technology Committee:** No meeting was held.

- D. GSA Updates:** Jessica Pollitz facilitated a discussion about the GSA well metering program.
- E. All Director Updates:** Director Isaac Jenkins requested that Directors provide input on the Sonoma County General Plan.
- F. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates:** Christine Kuehn provided staffing updates and steps for updating the Strategic Plan in 2025. Two work anniversaries were recognized: Project Manager Ari DeMarco (2 years) and Forestry Project Manager Genevieve Tarino (2 years).

**Future Agenda Items:** None.

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 pm.