



Board Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2025 - 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 10:33 am.
Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle, Steve Worrell (left at 12:31pm), Fred Euphrat, Isaac Jenkins, Ariana Reguzzoni (arrived at 11:00am).
Directors Absent: Jen Kuszmar
Associate Directors Present: Chris Peterson, John Gorman.
Associate Directors Absent: Dennis Murphy.
Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Adrienne Pettit, Jen Franco, Jessica Pollitz and Jason Wells.
Others Present: Emeritus Director Earle Cummings, Brittany Jensen, Sabrina Howell, Brynn O'Donnell.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)): None

- 2. Consent Calendar:** Approval of January Board Meeting Agenda, December Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve: John Nagle, **2nd:** Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

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

Nayes: None.

- 3. Public Comment:** None.

- 4. Information Items:**

A. NRCD Report: None.

B. RCD Grant Selection Process: Executive Director Christine Kuehn gave the Board an overview of funding composition, evaluation criteria for grant selection, and emphasized that SRCD seeks funding based on the community and resource needs of Sonoma County. The Board asked questions and discussed.

- 5. Action Items:**

A. Approval of mid-year budget revision for FY2024-25: Director of Finance & Administration Adrienne Pettit presented this item. She highlighted the drivers of change in revenue and expenditures, management's recommendation that the planned surplus be transferred to operating reserves, and the current status of operating reserves. The Board asked questions and discussed.

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

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

Nayes: None.

- B. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Vice Chair, John Nagle, led this item. Bruce Abelli-Amen and John Nagle will continue in their existing roles.

Motion to Approve: Steve Worrell, 2nd: Fred Euphrat. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

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

Nayes: None.

- C. **Re-appointment of Dennis Murphy, John Gorman, and Chris Peterson as Associate Directors:** Christine Kuehn explained that all current Associate Directors expressed interest in continuing for another term. The Associate Director's terms are one-year and re-appointments take place every January.

Motion to Approve: Fred Euphrat, 2nd: Isaac Jenkins. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

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

Nayes: None.

- D. **Vote to establish Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee:** Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen and Christine Kuehn presented this item. The committee will be made up of two Board members and two staff and will help drive the timeline with the Strategic Plan consultant, with a planned June 2025 completion date. All Board and staff will participate in the planning process at a full day retreat on April 24, 2025. Abelli-Amen recommended that Board member Fred Euphrat be appointed to the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee. Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee updates will be a standing agenda item.

Motion to Approve: Steve Worrell, 2nd: Ariana Reguzzoni. Motion passes, 6 ayes.

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

Nayes: None.

- E. **Cancellation of the February 27, 2025 Board meeting:** Christine Kuehn proposed to cancel the February 2025 Board meeting due to a lack of action items.

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

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

Nayes: None.

7. Update Items:

- A. **Executive Committee:** A meeting took place before this Board meeting, on January 23, 2025. Notes will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- B. **Board Development Committee:** No meeting was held. There are four Associate Director candidates, and the Board Development Committee will be making recommendations at the March Board meeting.

C. Technology Committee: No meeting was held.

D. GSA Updates: Director John Nagle attended a Santa Rosa Plain GSA Director meeting on January 16, 2025. The Department of Water Resources has Interconnected Surface Water guidance, 6 criteria groundwater systems impact with definitions and how projects can meet those criteria.

E. All Director Updates: Director John Nagle attended the CARCD conference for the first time in December. He shared that it was a valuable experience and sees opportunities for how we can partner further with the CARCD.

Director Fred Euphrat expressed kudos to the Forestry team for their submission of the Forest Health grant application.

F. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates: Christine Kuehn gave staffing updates: the Agricultural Project Manager starts next week; the Accounting Technician started this week; and the Grants Compliance Coordinator and the new Director of Finance and Administration are expected to be hired by the end of the fiscal year. Administrative Manager Jen Franco will be scheduling the required trainings for all Board members. One Board anniversary was recognized: Ariana Reguzzoni (4 years). Two work anniversaries were also recognized: Sophia Pruden (1 year) and Fatima Burhan (1 year).

Future Agenda Items:

1. Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Updates
2. CA RCD Updates
3. Updated organizational chart
4. Alexander Valley updates
5. Forestry programmatic overview

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.