



## Board Meeting Minutes

**March 27, 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 10:34 am.  
Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle, Steve Worrell, Fred Euphrat, Ariana Reguzzoni  
Directors Absent: Isaac Jenkins, Jen Kuszmar  
Associate Directors Present: Chris Peterson, John Gorman, Dennis Murphy.  
Associate Directors Absent: NA  
Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Adrienne Pettit, Jen Franco, Jessica Pollitz, Anya Starovoytov, Sarah Greer and Brett LeDuc.  
Others Present: Chase Garcia, Brynn O'Donnell, Allyson Souza, Rob Lawson.

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

- 2. Consent Calendar:** Approval of March Board Meeting Agenda, January Board Meeting Minutes.  
**Motion to approve:** John Nagle, **2nd:** Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 5 ayes.  
**Ayes:** Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Worrell, Euphrat, Reguzzoni  
**Nays:** None.
- 3. Public Comment:** None.
- 4. Information Items:**
  - A. NRCS Report:** Chase Garcia provided funding and status updates on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).
  - B. Proposition 4 Letter of Support:** Executive Director Christine Kuehn explained that with support from the Executive Committee, she signed onto this letter drafted by the CARCD lobbyist. The letter outlined the importance of ensuring that Proposition 4 funding is used as the voters intended to support additional investments in climate resilience and that funding to the identified programs is distributed intentionally and expeditiously.
  - C. Federal Funding Freeze:** Christine Kuehn provided an update that CARCD is working in conjunction with NARCD. They have secured federal and state lobbyists to go to DC to advocate for RCDs to have a seat at the table. They recently met with Secretary Crowfoot to share how the federal funding freeze is impacting RCDs.

- 5. Action Items:**

A. **Acceptance of FY24-25 Q2 Financial Report:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. She highlighted that the surplus at the close of Q2 is exceeding the planned surplus for the fiscal year, but noted that Q2 is historically stronger because of the receipt of the largest of three (3) annual county property tax allocation payments during December. She also highlighted the increase in operating cash reserves—32% funded at the close of Q2 versus 19% funded at the close of Q1. The Board asked questions and discussed. It was agreed that the Operating Cash Reserves policy should be reviewed with the Executive Committee and ideally updated before the close of the fiscal year.

**Motion to Approve:** John Nagle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fred Euphrat. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.

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

**Nays:** None.

B. **Acceptance of FY24-25 Q2 Investment Report:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. The Board asked questions and discussed. Director Worrell requested that the Executive Committee be provided with a consolidated list of maturity dates for instruments in the Stifel portfolio to ensure that Pettit's successor coordinates timely reinvestment of redemption proceeds.

**Motion to Approve:** Fred Euphrat, 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Nagle. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.

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

**Nays:** None.

C. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2425-004 Authorizing Signatures for Funds 72403 and 72404 with Sonoma County:** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. She explained that the County is requesting updated signature cards annually, and that there are no changes to authorized signers.

**Motion to Approve:** John Nagle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Worrell. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.

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

**Nays:** None.

D. **Acceptance of Quarterly Staff Report:** Christine Kuehn highlighted Community Engagement, Wildfire Resilience and Forest Health during Q2. Jessica Pollitz, Engineering Director, explained Sonoma RCD's partnership with Sonoma County Regional Parks staff and the water catchment installation project at Helen Putnam Regional Park.

**Motion to Approve:** John Nagle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fred Euphrat. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.

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

**Nays:** None.

E. **Appointment of Associate Directors from FY2425 Recruitment Process:** Christine Kuehn detailed the recruitment process, and the Board Development Committee recommended all Associate Director candidates, Allyson Souza, Brynn O'Donnell and Rob Lawson, be appointed. All candidates introduced themselves and the Board asked questions.

**Motion to Approve:** John Nagle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fred Euphrat. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

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

**Nayes:** None.

- F. **Approval of updated Legislative Advocacy Policy:** Christine Kuehn presented this item and recommended that updates be made to the current policy given the tight turnaround time on legislation and letters of support by advocacy partners. The Board asked questions and discussed.

**Motion to Approve:** John Nagle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fred Euphrat Motion passes, 5 ayes.

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

**Nayes:** None.

- G. **Consideration of canceling the regularly scheduled April 24, 2025 Board of Directors meeting to be replaced by a Special Board Meeting held at an alternative location to accommodate a Strategic Planning Retreat with full Board and Staff:** Christine Kuehn proposed to cancel the regular April 24, 2025 Board meeting and establish a Special Meeting at a new time.

**Motion to Approve:** Fred Euphrat, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Worrell. Motion passes, 5 ayes.

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

**Nayes:** None.

## 7. Update Items:

- A. **Executive Committee:** A meeting took place on January 23, 2025.

- B. **Board Development Committee:** Meetings took place on January 31, 2025, and February 20, 2025.

- C. **Technology Committee:** No meeting was held.

- D. **Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee:** Christine Kuehn gave an update that the committee is wrapping up over a dozen partner interviews.

- E. **GSA Updates:** Director John Nagle attended a Santa Rosa Plain GSA Director meeting on February 31, 2025, and reviewed the Crane Creek Groundwater Recharge Project.

Associate Director Dennis Murphy gave an update on the proposed Alexander Valley Water District. Landowners have until August 12, 2025 to submit petitions for the Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to form the Alexander Valley Water District (AVWD). Murphy requested SRCD endorse the proposed formation of AVWD and discuss at a future Board meeting.

- F. **All Director Updates:** NA

- G. **Executive Director & Other Staff Updates:** Christine Kuehn gave staffing updates: Sophia Pruden was promoted to Program Coordinator and Jessica Pollitz was promoted to Engineering Director. Form 700's should be filed electronically with the County by April 1, 2025. One work anniversary was recognized: Christine Kuehn (March 25, 2013).

## Future Agenda Items:

1. NBFIP

2. Proposed Formation of Alexander Valley Water District

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm.