



## Board Meeting Minutes

**September 25, 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:** Vice Chair John Nagle called the meeting to order at 10:32am. A quorum was determined.  
Directors Present: John Nagle, Fred Euphrat, Steve Worrell, Isaac Jenkins, Ariana Reguzzoni, John Gorman (arrived at 10:36am, left at 12:45pm)  
Directors Absent: Bruce Abelli-Amen  
Associate Directors Present: Dennis Murphy, Chris Peterson, Brynn O'Donnell, Allyson Souza  
Associate Directors Absent: Rob Lawson  
Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Karen Scalabrini, Jen Franco, Anya Starovoytov, Jessica Pollitz, Patti Aaron.  
Others Present: Jenna Merrilees, David Manning, Stuart Tiffin
- 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:** Isaac Jenkins, **2nd:** Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 5 ayes.  
**Ayes:** Nagle, Euphrat, Worrell, Jenkins, Reguzzoni.  
**Nays:** None.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Update Items:**
  - A. Executive Committee:** August 28, 2025 meeting minutes were included in the Board packet.
  - B. Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee:** No meeting was held.
  - C. Board Development Committee:** No meeting was held.
  - D. Technology Committee:** No meeting was held.
  - E. GSA Updates:** No updates.
  - F. All Director Updates:** No updates.
  - G. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates:** Christine Kuehn provided updates on recruitment for open positions, annual audit and details about direct contracts that are in the development phase. Staff and Board anniversaries were recognized.
- 6. Information Items:**

- A. **NRCS Report:** Jenna Merrilees, Soil Conservationist, shared that all obligations for 2025 have been completed. She provided funding and status updates on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). The application deadline for these programs in Fiscal Year 2026 is November 21, 2025.
- B. **New Eel Russian Facility Presentation:** David Manning, Executive Director of Eel-Russian Project Authority, was introduced to the Board. He provided an overview of the project including cost estimates and the potential schedule. The Board asked questions and discussed.

## 7. Action Items:

- A. **Acceptance of FY2024-25 Year-End Draft Financial Reports:** Karen Scalabrini presented this item. She emphasized that the report contains unaudited financials. She notes that the General Fund had strengthened since Q3 and the Operating Reserves were 59.4% funded, an increase from 37.7% at the end of Q3. She answered Board questions and provided further information.

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

**Ayes:** Nagle, Euphrat, Worrell, Jenkins, Reguzzoni, Gorman.

**Nayes:** None.

- B. **Acceptance of FY2024-25 Year-End Investment Report:** Karen Scalabrini presented this item and gave an overview of the investment portfolio as of June 30, 2025. The Board asked questions.

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

**Ayes:** Nagle, Euphrat, Worrell, Jenkins, Reguzzoni.

**Nayes:** None.

- C. **Acceptance of Year-End Staff Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Activities:** Christine Kuehn presented this item. She highlighted key accomplishments, efforts to build organizational capacity, delays in certain areas of work, and ongoing efforts for more than 60 active grants and contracts that continued into FY2526.

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

**Ayes:** Nagle, Euphrat, Worrell, Jenkins, Reguzzoni.

**Nayes:** None.

- D. **Appointment of new Alternate Director for the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board:** Christine Kuehn presented this item. Board discussed and appointed Fred Euphrat to take Bruce Abelli-Amen's place as alternate Director for the Santa Rosa Plain Ground Water Sustainability Agency.

**Motion to Approve:** Isaac Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ariana Reguzzoni. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.

**Ayes:** Nagle, Euphrat, Worrell, Jenkins, Reguzzoni.

**Nayes:** None.

**E. Approval of the Strategic Plan Impact Committee and the dissolution of the Technology Committee:** Christine Kuehn presented this item as a follow-up from a discussion item in the August 2025 Board meeting.

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

**Ayes:** Nagle, Euphrat, Worrell, Jenkins, Reguzzoni.

**Nays:** None.

**F. Approval of Letter of Support for the Formation of the Alexander Valley Water District:** The Board moved to review the letter further and postpone the discussion until the October 2025 Board meeting.

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

**Ayes:** Nagle, Euphrat, Worrell, Jenkins, Reguzzoni.

**Nays:** None.

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

- Approval of Letter of Support for the Alexander Valley Water District Formation
- Prioritization of Full Cost Recovery Resolutions to CARCD
- Discussion on Sonoma RCD's role to support land managers within the Eel Russian Project Authority area

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:28pm.