



## Board Meeting Minutes

**October 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 called the meeting to order at 10:31am. A quorum was determined.

Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle, Fred Euphrat, Steve Worrell, John Gorman, Isaac Jenkins (arrived at 10:37am)

Directors Absent: Ariana Reguzzoni

Associate Directors Present: Chris Peterson, Allyson Souza, Rob Lawson

Associate Directors Absent: Dennis Murphy, Brynn O'Donnell

Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Karen Scalabrini, Jen Franco, Jessica Pollitz

Others Present: None.

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

- 3. Consent Calendar:** Approval of October Board Meeting Agenda, September Board Meeting Minutes.

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

**Ayes:** Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Euphrat, Worrell, Gorman.

**Nayes:** None.

- 4. Public Comment:** None.

- 5. Information Items:**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:** No report was provided by the USDA NRCS this month due to the shutdown of the federal government.

**B. Discussion on Draft of Sonoma RCD Board Manual Update:** Christine Kuehn presented this item. The Board Manual was last updated in 2022 and will be updated to improve clarity and strengthen accountability. The Board provided feedback, and Christine will make edits and present a draft for discussion at the December 18, 2025 Board meeting.

**C. Discussion of Board Director in-field opportunities:** Board Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen have been exploring ways to get Directors in the field and is considering planning a series of field trips as suggested by Board Director Fred Euphrat, potentially quarterly and scheduled on weekends. The Board discussed and identified its key areas of interest.

- 6. Action Items:**

**A. Consideration of Co-sponsorship of Proposed Resolution Advocating for Sustainable Funding and Full Cost Recovery for California RCDs to California Association of RCDs (CARCD) Board of Directors:** Christine Kuehn presented this item. She shared background on the proposed resolution and the importance of full cost recovery. The Board asked questions, discussed, and requested more information about Pacific Policy Group (PPG) and CARCD's model and strategy.

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

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

**Nayes:** None.

**B. Approval of Letter of Support for Formation of the Alexander Valley Water District:** Vice Chair John Nagle presented this item. The Board suggested that updates and a revised draft will be presented at the December 18, 2025 Board meeting.

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

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

**Nayes:** None.

## 7. Update Items:

**A. Executive Committee:** September 25, 2025 meeting minutes were included in the Board packet.

**B. Strategic Plan Impact Committee:** No meeting was held.

**C. Board Development Committee:** No meeting was held.

**D. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Reports:** Engineering Director, Jessica Pollitz reported that she will be setting up a GSA and Sonoma RCD Advisory Committee meeting.

### E. Director's Reports:

- Director Steve Worrell attended the Lake Mendocino FIRO (Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations) signing.
- Director John Gorman is presenting at the 2025 Sonoma County Agricultural Summit at Shone Farm.
- Directors Bruce Abelli-Amen, Issac Jenkins, John Gorman, and Associate Director Rob Lawson met to discuss the grape industry market and conservation practices.
- Vice Chair John Nagle is attending the 2025 CARCD Conference.
- Associate Director Ally Souza reported that Sonoma Water's monitoring camera showed 2,600 Chinook salmon in Forestville.
- Director Fred Euphrat attended a meeting with Regenerative Forest Solutions to look at a new mill in Sonoma County. He is also presenting in November as part of the Coast Ridge Community Forest Fall Stewardship Series.

**F. Executive Director Report:** Christine Kuehn provided staffing and internal operations updates. Staff anniversaries were recognized. Christine expressed gratitude for the Board's support.

**G. Other Staff Reports:** None.

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

- Approval of Letter of Support for the Alexander Valley Water District Formation
- North Coast Soil Hub Presentation
- CARCD/PPG Presentation
- Agricultural and Water Team full discussion in Winter about supporting the grape industry
- Brown Act Changes

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.