



## Board Meeting Minutes

**December 18, 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, John Gorman (left at 12:54pm), Isaac Jenkins, Ariana Reguzzoni (arrived at 10:34am, left at 12:30pm)  
Directors Absent: Fred Euphrat, Steve Worrell  
Associate Directors Present: Chris Peterson, Dennis Murphy, Allyson Souza, Rob Lawson, Brynn O'Donnell  
Associate Directors Absent: None.  
Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Karen Scalabrini, Jen Franco, Jessica Pollitz, Anya Starovoytov, Amy Tang, Maria Wnorowski.  
Others Present: Emilie Winfield, Paul Kaymark.
- 2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)):** None
- 3. Consent Calendar:** Approval of December Board Meeting Agenda, October Board Meeting Minutes.  
**Motion to approve:** John Nagle, **2nd:** Isaac Jenkins. Motion passed, 4 ayes.  
**Ayes:** Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Jenkins, Gorman.  
**Nayes:** None.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Information Items:**
  - A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:** None.
  - B. North Coast Soil Hub Presentation:** Emilie Winfield, North Coast Soil Hub Director, was introduced to the Board. Emilie presented an overview, outlined goals, and provided updates on the Soil Hub's regional initiatives, partnerships, and funding. The Board asked questions.
- 6. Action Items:**
  - A. Presentation and acceptance of FY24-25 Draft Audited Financial Statements:** Paul Kaymark, CPA, from Nigro & Nigro, PC presented this item.  
**Motion to Approve:** Isaac Jenkins, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** John Nagle. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.  
**Ayes:** Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Jenkins, Gorman, Reguzzoni.  
**Nayes:** None.

- B. Acceptance of FY25-26 Q1 Financial Report:** Karen Scalabrini presented this item, noting that the financials remain strong. The Board asked questions and discussed.
- Motion to Approve:** John Nagle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Gorman. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.
- Ayes:** Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Jenkins, Gorman, Reguzzoni.
- Nayes:** None.
- C. Acceptance of FY25-26 Q1 Investment Report:** Karen Scalabrini presented this item. Karen noted that the Stifel Investment Portfolio has a March 1, 2026 Call Date.
- Motion to Approve:** John Gorman, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ariana Reguzzoni. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.
- Ayes:** Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Jenkins, Gorman, Reguzzoni.
- Nayes:** None.
- D. Acceptance of FY25-26 Q1 Staff Report:** Christine Kuehn presented this item to compliment the Q1 Financial Report. She highlighted accomplishments that have taken place from July to September 2025.
- Motion to Approve:** John Nagle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ariana Reguzzoni. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.
- Ayes:** Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Jenkins, Gorman, Reguzzoni.
- Nayes:** None.
- E. Approval of Letter of Support for the Formation of the Alexander Valley Water District (AVWD):** Board Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen presented this item. The letter had previously been reviewed at the September 25, 2025 Board meeting and edits were made. The Board asked questions and discussed.
- Motion to Approve:** Isaac Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Gorman. Motion Passed, 5 ayes.
- Ayes:** Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Jenkins, Gorman, Reguzzoni.
- Nayes:** None.
- F. Discuss Draft Board Manual Update for Board Feedback:** Christine Kuehn made significant edits to the Board Manual and provided a red-lined copy in the Board packet. The Board discussed and provided feedback. Updates will be brought to the January 22, 2026 Board meeting for Board approval.
- Motion to Approve:** John Nagle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Isaac Jenkins. Motion Passed, 4 ayes.
- Ayes:** Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Jenkins, Gorman.
- Nayes:** None.
- G. Discuss Chair & Vice Chair elections to be held in January 2026, Director interest in these roles:** Board Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen led this discussion and would like to continue as Board Chair. John Nagle would like to step down as Vice Chair and from the Executive Committee. Steve Worrell previously expressed interest in becoming Vice Chair. Isaac Jenkins also shared interest in stepping into a vacant Board leadership position. The Board will elect Chair and Vice Chair positions at the January 22, 2026 Board meeting.
- Motion to Approve:** John Nagle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Isaac Jenkins. Motion Passed, 4 ayes.

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

**Nayes:** None.

**7. Update Items:**

**A. Executive Committee:** No meeting was held.

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

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

**D. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Reports:** Directors Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle and Isaac Jenkins attended a GSA Directors and Advisory Committee meeting on December 17, 2025.

**E. Director's Reports:**

- Director John Gorman was a panelist at the 2025 Sonoma County Agricultural Summit at Shone Farm.
- Associate Director Rob Lawson attended Red Sky Summit focused on fire tech and wildfire innovations. One of the hosted events was a tour Fred Euphrat's property to show how wildfire had impacted the land. Bruce Abelli-Amen also attended the tour.

**F. Executive Director Report:** Christine Kuehn provided staffing, internal operations, and funding updates.

**G. Other Staff Reports:** Agricultural Program Director, Anya Starovoytov, introduced new Program Assistant, Amy Tang, who started on December 1, 2025.

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

- Associate Director elections
- Future of vineyards roundtable discussion

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:18pm.