



Board Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2026 - 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 10:34am. A quorum was determined.
Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, John Nagle, Ariana Reguzzoni, Fred Euphrat, Steve Worrell, John Gorman
Directors Absent: Isaac Jenkins
Associate Directors Present: Dennis Murphy, Allyson Souza, Rob Lawson, Brynn O'Donnell
Associate Directors Absent: Chris Peterson
Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Karen Scalabrini, Jen Franco, Jessica Pollitz, Anya Nejedlo
Others Present: None
- 2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)):** FEED Sonoma Presentation removed from agenda and rescheduled for February 26, 2026, Board meeting.
- 3. Consent Calendar:** Approval of January Board Meeting Agenda, December Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion to approve: John Nagle, **2nd:** Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Reguzzoni, Euphrat, Worrell, Gorman.
Nays: None.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Information Items:**

 - A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:** None.
 - B. Vineyard Roundtable Discussion:** Board Directors and staff discussed vineyard land transition and Sonoma RCD's role in supporting landowners and producers in this transition.
- 6. Action Items:**

 - A. Approval of 2026 Board Manual:** Christine Kuehn and Board Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen made substantial edits to the Board Manual. The updates were reviewed and the Board discussed editing qualifications for Board Directors and Associate Directors in line with Division 9 requirements and to provide further clarity between the roles.
Motion to Approve with edits to Board Director and Associate Director qualifications: Steve Worrell, **2nd:** Arianna Reguzzoni. Motion Passed, 6 ayes.
Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Reguzzoni, Euphrat, Worrell, Gorman.

Nayes: None.

- B. Elect Board Chair & Vice Chair:** Bruce Abelli-Amen would like to continue as Board Chair. John Nagle will step down as Vice Chair and from the Executive Committee. The Vice Chair position should serve on the Executive Committee for one year per the updated Board Manual and Steve Worrell expressed interest in the Vice Chair position, previously serving on the Executive Committee. Appointment of a Director to the vacant Executive Committee position will occur at the February 26, 2026 Board meeting.

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

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

Nayes: None.

- C. Re-appointment of Dennis Murphy, Chris Peterson, Rob Lawson, Allyson Souza, and Brynn O'Donnell as Associate Directors:** Christine Kuehn reported that this is an annual Action Item that takes place in January. All Associate Directors would like to continue in their positions.

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

Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Nagle, Reguzzoni, Euphrat, Worrell, 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:** Director John Nagle provided an update from the January 15, 2026 Santa Rosa Plain meeting and provided an update on a Russian River Watershed Climate Resilience Pilot Program. Director Bruce Abelli-Amen provided an update on fee management and structure for each basin.

E. Director's Reports:

- Associate Director Dennis Murphy attended a Geological Flow Model presentation last week. He also provided an update on the proposed Alexander Valley Water District.
- Associate Director Ally Souza provided a data share tool on the Russian River Salmon and Steelhead Monitoring Program.
- Associate Director Brynn O'Donnell shared overview of a public engagement opportunity "Time and Tide" exhibit with the Petaluma Historical Library and Museum.

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

G. Other Staff Reports:

None.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- JEDI Action Plan
- Banking Updates

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.