



Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2026 - 10:30 am

1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F

Santa Rosa, CA 95405

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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, Steve Worrell, John Nagle, Ariana Reguzzoni, Fred Euphrat, John Gorman, Isaac Jenkins
Directors Absent: None
Associate Directors Present: Chris Peterson, Dennis Murphy (arrived at 10:37am), Allyson Souza (arrived at 11:00am), Rob Lawson, Brynn O'Donnell
Associate Directors Absent: None
Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Karen Scalabrini, Jen Franco, Anya Nejedlo, Karen Saler, Ari DeMarco, Maria Wnorowski, Keith Abeles
Others Present: Lucy O'Dea
- 2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)):** None
- 3. Consent Calendar:** Approval of February Board Meeting Agenda, January Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion to approve: Steve Worrell, **2nd:** Fred Euphrat. Motion passed, 7 ayes.
Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Nagle, Reguzzoni, Euphrat, Euphrat, Gorman, Jenkins.
Nayes: None.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Information Items:**
 - A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:** None.
 - B. FEED Sonoma Presentation:** Lucy O'Dea, Purchasing Manager at FEED Sonoma, was introduced to the Board. She shared the organization's history, described their food hub, highlighted local farmers and presented potential opportunities for collaboration between Sonoma RCD and FEED Sonoma. The Board asked questions and discussed.
 - C. Draft JEDI Action Plan Presentation:** Karen Saler, Community Engagement Assistant, and Ari DeMarco, Project Manager, presented this item. They reviewed the history and purpose of the Action Plan, outlined its goals, and highlighted what has been accomplished to date. The Board asked questions. The JEDI Action Plan is a complementary document to the RCD's Strategic Plan 2025-30 and will be brought to the March 26, 2026, Board meeting for Board approval.

6. Action Items:

- A. Acceptance of FY25-26 Q2 Financial Report:** Karen Scalabrini presented this item. She noted that the financials remain strong and the Operating Reserves are 100% funded. The Operating Cash Reserves policy should be reviewed and ideally updated before the close of the fiscal year. The Board asked questions and discussed.

Motion to approve: John Nagle, **2nd:** Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

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

Nays: None.

- B. Acceptance of FY25-26 Q2 Investment Report:** Karen Scalabrini presented this item and shared that all Laguna Valley Mitigation Bank credits have been sold and the remaining funds are for ongoing maintenance. The Board asked questions and discussed.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle, **2nd:** Steve Worrell. Motion Passed, 7 ayes.

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

Nays: None.

- C. Acceptance of FY25-26 Q2 Staff Report:** Christine Kuehn presented this item. She highlighted financial stability, capacity building, community engagement and conservation work done during the October to December 2025 period.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle, **2nd:** Ariana Reguzzoni. Motion Passed, 7 ayes.

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

Nays: None.

- D. Adoption of Resolution No. 2526-004 Authorizing Signatures for Funds 72403 and 72404 with Sonoma County:** Karen Scalabrini presented this item updating authorized signers.

Motion to Approve: Isaac Jenkins, **2nd:** John Nagle. Motion Passed, 7 ayes.

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

Nays: None.

- E. Adoption of Resolution No. 2526-005 Authorizing Signatures on the Exchange Bank Accounts:** Karen Scalabrini presented this item updating authorized signers.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle, **2nd:** John Gorman. Motion Passed, 7 ayes.

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

Nays: None.

- F. Adoption of Resolution No. 2526-006 Designating Authorizing Signers Who May Act on Behalf of Sonoma RCD in Connection with Funds Held in the California CLASS Prime Fund:** Karen Scalabrini presented this item updating authorized signers.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle, **2nd:** Fred Euphrat. Motion Passed, 7 ayes.

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

Nays: None.

G. Adoption of Resolution No. 2526-007 Designating Authorized Individuals on Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. Accounts: Karen Scalabrini presented this item updating authorized signers.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle, 2nd: Issac Jenkins. Motion Passed, 7 ayes.

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

Nayes: None.

H. Board approval of Sonoma RCD's Password Protection Policy: Christine Kuehn and Jen Franco presented recommended best practices and policy updates from our IT provider.

Motion to Approve: Steve Worrell, 2nd: Issac Jenkins. Motion Passed, 7 ayes.

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

Nayes: None.

I. Board approval of Sonoma RCD ballot responses in the election of CARCD Board members, Bylaws, and Resolutions: Christine Kuehn presented this item and explained that the vote on the CARCD ballot was up for an in-person vote at the annual meeting in November 2025, but they did not have a quorum. The vote is now being conducted by email to CARCD Member RCDs, and ballot information and recommendations were included in the Board Meeting packet.

Motion to Approve: John Nagle, 2nd: Fred Euphrat. Motion Passed, 7 ayes.

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

Nayes: None.

J. Appointment of Director to the Executive Committee: Board Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen appointed Director Issac Jenkins to the Executive Committee.

Motion to Approve: Steve Worrell, 2nd: John Nagle. Motion Passed, 7 ayes.

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

Nayes: None.

K. Update Items:

A. Executive Committee: No meeting was held. Meeting notes from the February 26, 2026 Executive Committee meeting will be provided in the March 26, 2026 Board packet.

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

C. Board Development Committee: No meeting was held.

D. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Reports:

- Director Isaac Jenkins attended a reduction in irrigation use meeting.
- Executive Director Christine Kuehn announced that all three JPA bylaws will need Board approval at a future meeting.

E. Director's Reports:

- Board Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen and Associate Director Rob Lawson met with former Permit and Resource Management Department managers about the Williamson Act.
- Director John Nagle had a meeting with Blue Forest. He also attended a Sonoma County Watershed Analysis Strategic Plan meeting.
- Vice Chair Steve Worrell reported that grazing oxidation ponds will begin in the spring.
- Associate Director Rob Lawson attended a county-based nonprofit program focused on food security. Keith Abeles, Soil & Water Specialist, also attended the meeting.

F. Executive Director Report: Christine Kuehn provided staffing and Prop 4 funding updates. She also noted a new Fiscal & Finance training requirement for Board members.

G. Other Staff Reports: None.

L. Future Agenda Items:

- Community Forestry Presentation
- Revisit Operating Reserves Policy
- Sonoma Water Strategic Plan
- GSA JPA Bylaws

M. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 pm.