



Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 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 10:30am. A quorum was determined.
Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, Steve Worrell (left at 12:46pm), John Nagle, Isaac Jenkins, Fred Euphrat
Directors Absent: Ariana Reguzzoni, John Gorman
Associate Directors Present: Chris Peterson, Dennis Murphy, Allyson Souza, Rob Lawson, Brynn O'Donnell
Associate Directors Absent: None
Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Jen Franco, Jessica Pollitz, Karen Saler, Steven Fry, Brett LeDuc
Others Present: Jenna Houts, Cody Darling, Jess Gallagher, Michael
- 2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)):** None
- 3. Consent Calendar:** Approval of March Board Meeting Agenda, February Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion to approve: Isaac Jenkins, **2nd:** Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Worrell, Nagle, Jenkins, Euphrat.
Nayes: None.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Information Items:**
 - A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:** Jenna Houts, Soil Conservationist, provided funding and status updates on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).
 - B. Land Resilience Partnership Project Presentation:** Jessica Pollitz, Engineering Director, and Cody Darling, Senior Programs Coordinator at Daily Acts, presented this item. They provided an overview of the grant, highlighted projects and their impacts within the Petaluma River watershed and acknowledged community partnerships. The Board asked questions and discussed.
- 6. Action Items:**
 - A. Consideration of Approval of the comment letter on Uniform Rules to the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner:** Board Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen presented this item. The letter

provides a summary of challenges facing agricultural growers, particularly those in the winegrape sector, and proposes updates to the Uniform Rules that would provide flexibility for growers while maintaining the core intent of agricultural land conservation. Christine Kuehn will emailed the letter to the Agricultural Commissioner and will also share the letter with other agricultural producing organizations.

Motion to approve: Steve Worrell, **2nd:** Isaac Jenkins. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

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

Nayes: None.

- B. Approval of JEDI Action Plan:** Christine Kuehn presented this item. The JEDI Action Plan aligns with the Strategic Plan, with strategies already integrated into ongoing work. The JEDI Committee provides oversight of the Plan while Christine supports assignment coordination among staff. Updates will be provided annually and will highlight accomplishments.

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

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

7. Update Items:

- A. Executive Committee:** The February 26, 2026 Executive Committee meeting notes were provided in the March 2026 Board packet regarding CAL VTP Addendum. The full Board will review future VTPs, rather than just the Executive Committee.

- B. Strategic Plan Impact Committee:** The March 18, 2026 Strategic Plan Impact Committee meeting notes were provided in the March 2026 Board packet. The Committee provided guidance and framework for moving forward and discussed options for tracking progress.

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

D. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Reports:

- Engineering Director Jessica Pollitz reported that Sonoma RCD is supporting Sonoma Valley GSA outreach in extending purple pipeline.
- Director Isaac Jenkins attended a Sonoma growers meeting on March 9.
- Director John Nagle reported that the Five-Year Annual Reports are coming up.

E. Director's Reports:

- Director Fred Euphrat reported that Coast Ridge Community Forest completed their grant with CAL FIRE.
- Board Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen announced an upcoming Board Field Trip to Mill Creek on May 8.
- Director Isaac Jenkins reported a proposed roundabout on SR 121 and 8th Street East. There is a proposed bike lane in a dangerous area and Isaac will reach out to Sonoma Ecology Center and Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition.
- Associate Director Dennis Murphy gave an update on the Alexander Valley Water District.

- Associate Director Brynn O'Donnell reported that the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) is doing more tracking on climate action. Brynn will bring RCPA plans to the Strategic Impact Committee to be sure they are aligned.

F. Executive Director Report: Christine Kuehn provided staffing and funding updates. She requested direction from the Board on whether to spend time on exploring a tax measure for SRCD. She also proposed using an upcoming meeting to discuss potentially changing the Board meeting time and/or structure.

G. Other Staff Reports: None.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- Tax Measure Information
- Board Meeting Time/Date/Format Change

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.