SONOMA
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2026 - 9:00 am

1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87042160724
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Meeting ID: 870 4216 0724

1. **Call to Order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. A quorum was determined.
   Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, Steve Worrell, John Nagle, John Gorman
   Directors Absent: Isaac Jenkins, Ariana Reguzzoni, Fred Euphrat
   Associate Directors Present: Dennis Murphy, Chris Peterson, Allyson Souza, Rob Lawson, Brynn O'Donnell
   Associate Directors Absent: None.
   Staff Present: Christine Kuehn, Bo Young, Jen Franco.
   Others Present: Chase Garcia, Michael Miller.
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)):** None
3. **Consent Calendar:** Approval of July Board Meeting Agenda, June Board Meeting Minutes.

   Motion to approve: Steve Worrell, **2nd**: John Gorman. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

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

   Nayes: None.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Information Items:**
   A. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:** Chase Garcia, District Conservationist, shared that obligations are about 50% complete for this year. He provided an overview of the seven new NRCS priorities and updates on staffing and infrastructure. The Board asked questions.

   B. **Organizational Chart:** Executive Director Christine Kuehn presented this item and highlighted the Deputy Director promotion and addition of the Forester position to the updated organizational chart. She also provided hiring updates for this fiscal year. The Board asked questions and discussed.
6. **Action Items:**
   A. **Approval of Updated Signatory Approval Policy:** Christine Kuehn presented this item and worked with Finance Manager, Bo Young, to update the policy. The Deputy Director and Engineering Director have been added to the policy. The Board asked questions and discussed.

Motion to approve: Steve Worrell, **2nd**: John Nagle. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

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

Nayes: None.

B. **Resolution PV-002-2026 Approving an Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement:** Christine Kuehn presented this item. The Agreement was reviewed and approved at the last Petaluma Valley GSA meeting. Approval of the proposed edits and signatures are required from SRCD as a member agency.

   Motion to approve: John Nagle, **2nd**: Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

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

   Nayes: None.

C. **Resolution SRP-003-2026 Approving an Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement:**

D. Christine Kuehn presented this item. The Agreement was reviewed and approved at the last Santa Rosa Plain GSA meeting. Approval of the proposed edits and signatures are required from SRCD as a member agency.

   Motion to approve: John Nagle, **2nd**: Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

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

   Nayes: None.

E. **Resolution SV-003-2026 Approving an Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement:**

F. Christine Kuehn presented this item. The Agreement was reviewed and approved at the last Sonoma Valley GSA meeting. Approval of the proposed edits and signatures are required from SRCD as a member agency.

   Motion to approve: John Nagle, **2nd**: Steve Worrell. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

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

   Nayes: None.

G. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2627- 001 Approving the Section 125 Premium Only Plan for the Plan Year Ending July 31, 2027:** Jen Franco presented this item and provided further information.

   Motion to approve: John Nagle, **2nd**: John Gorman. Motion passed, 4 ayes.

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

   Nayes: None.

7. **Update Items:**

   A. **Executive Committee:** Christine Kuehn gave an update that the Executive Committee should operate as a standing committee, will be open to the public and is subject to Brown Act. Starting in August, Executive Committee meetings will take place, as needed, on the Monday prior to the Board meeting, and Action Items from the Executive Committee meeting will be brought to the full Board for approval.

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

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

D. **Groundwater Sustainability Agency Reports:** None.

E. **Director's Reports:**

- Director John Gorman is now a Local Agency Formation Commission Member.
- Director John Nagle is running for the Graton Community Services District.
- Associate Director Dennis Murphy gave an update on the Alexander Valley Water District.

F. **Executive Director Report:** Christine Kuehn provided updates on operations and SRCD 80th Anniversary planning.

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

8. **Future Agenda Items:**
   - Brown Act 101
   - Board Committee Review
   - GSA Recruitment
   - 80th Anniversary Strategy

Open session closed at: 10:09 am

9. **Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: Executive Director.** The Board went into closed session at 10:15 am. No reportable action was taken.

Open session resumed at 11:18 am.

10. **Adjournment:** Board Chair Abelli-Amen reported that Executive Director Christine Kuehn's Performance Evaluation was completed. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.