



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

NAPA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 8:00 A.M.

District President: Gretchen Stranzl McCann **District Vice President:** Jim Lincoln
District Directors: Ashley Anderson Bennett, Rainer Hoenicke, Jon Kanagy, Beth Painter, Bill Pramuk

Executive Director: Lucas Patzek **District Secretary:** Anna Mattinson **District Counsel:** Shana Bagley

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD or District) will hold a regular Meeting on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 8:00 A.M. The meeting room is wheelchair accessible. Assistive listening devices and interpreters are available through the Secretary of the Board. Requests for disability related modifications or accommodations, aids or services must be made to the District office no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting date by contacting 707-252-4189, ext. 3110. Time for public commentary will be provided prior to Consent Calendar. Time limitations for individual speakers may be set at the discretion of the Chair. All materials relating to the agenda are available for public inspection at the District office Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., except for District Holidays.

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting is to be called to order and roll call taken at 8:00 A.M.

A. Roll Call

The District Secretary will take attendance.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board will consider approval of minutes from the July 12, 2018 regular meeting.

C. Ratification of District Bills

The Board will review and ratify bills approved by the Executive Director.

D. Approval of District Bills

The Board will review and consider approval of the District bills for July 2018.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

In this time-period, anyone may comment to the Board regarding any subject over which the District has jurisdiction. No comments will be allowed involving any subject matter scheduled for hearing, action, or discussion as part of the current agenda other than to request discussion on a specific consent item. Individuals are requested to limit their comment to three minutes. No action will be taken by the Board as a result of any item presented at this time.

3. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

A presentation by Gregg Erickson, Bay-Delta Regional Manager of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), about his agency's work and priorities in the region.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the consent calendar are considered ministerial or non-substantive and subject to a single motion approval. With the concurrence of the Chair, a Board member may request discussion of an item on the consent calendar.

A. RCD Activity Report for July.

B. NRCS Activity Report for July.

C. Authorize President to sign Agreement with County of Napa Wildlife Conservation Commission.

This Agreement is for fiscal year 2018-2019 and provides compensation up to \$13,716.50 for the RCD to facilitate the Napa Youth Stewardship Council, an extracurricular environmental stewardship leadership club for Napa County high school students. The County Wildlife Conservation Commission receives monies from the California Department of Fish and Game fines and settlement, as well as local fines and settlements that are designated for its use, and makes those funds available to local organizations in the form of grants.

D. Authorize Eric McKee to attend the 47th North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Annual Conference held Oct. 9-13 in Spokane, WA.

The NAAEE conference is focused on best practices in environmental education, and this year's specific topics are: Building leadership for environmental literacy, Connecting with nature, Conservation and environmental education, Educating for sustainable communities, Green schools and career-connected learning, and Linking research and practice to increase impact. Eric was awarded a scholarship covering the cost of registration and providing him

with a unique training opportunity. He will attend a “Community Engagement: Guidelines for Excellence” workshop during the conference and will be tasked with leading a workshop in Napa County on the topic of building equitable partnerships with underserved communities to implement environmental education.

5. SET ITEMS OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

There are no set items.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Friends of the Napa River (FONR). *Frances Knapczyk*

FONR wishes to continue its advocacy for the health of the Napa River watershed; watershed education; thoughtful and responsible development along the River and its tributaries; and the completion of the Napa River Flood Control Project. However, it no longer wishes to hire contractors and/or employees to conduct its work. Thus, FONR is interested in creating a formal relationship with the RCD that may allow deeper collaboration with the RCD around FONR functions including one or more of the following: 501(c)(3) status, operations, administration, governance, and finance. Representatives from FONR and RCD have developed an MOU to outline the intention of both parties to explore a collaborative framework, and to define the contours of the exploratory relationship. The next phase in the exploratory process will involve FONR sharing financial information and specific tasks that they would like for RCD to take on in the remainder of FY 2018-2019.

B. Discussion About Measure C Next Steps. *Jim Lincoln*

Update on the Napa County Board of Supervisor’s direction concerning a three-year strategic planning process to be undertaken from August-December 2018, and the mechanisms for stakeholder input on land use issues.

C. RCD Policies: Update on Current Revision Priorities, and Request for an Ad Hoc Policy Committee. *Lucas Patzek and Susie Altman*

Lucas and Susie will provide an update on the process for revising RCD policies, including the: Professional Development, Conference Attendance, Travel, and Reimbursement policy; Conflict of Interest policy; Nepotism policy; and Sexual Harassment policy. Staff requests the appointment of an ad hoc committee to review RCD policies and make recommendations to the Board.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Discuss District Financial Reports. *Anna Mattinson*

Accounts Receivable and Cash Flow Reports were presented.

B. Parting Thoughts from Napa County's USDA-NRCS District Conservationist.

Emma Chow

Emma has accepted another NRCS position on the Central Coast, and would like to share some of her thoughts and reflections about the NRCS-RCD partnership as well as emerging trends and opportunities in Napa County. Emma will be seeking input from the Board on the skills they would like to see in their new District Conservationist.

C. Update on Frances Knapczyk's Interim Director Role. *Lucas Patzek*

Lucas will provide an update on how Frances has supported him in her temporary Interim Director role, and the next steps.

D. Discuss Upcoming Events and Possible Director Participation.

- a. International Oak Society Conference, Oct. 21-24 at UC Davis.
- b. CDFA's Annual FREP/WHPA Conference, Oct. 23-24 in Seaside, CA.
- c. CARCD Conference, Nov. 14-17 in San Diego, CA.

E. Identify possible agenda/discussion items for future meeting(s).

There was interest in scheduling the following three public presentations in the near future:

- a. Youth Natural Resource Education Programming in Napa County – Eric McKee
- b. Re-oaking Initiative – Robin Grossinger

These are other potential agenda/discussion items for future meetings:

- a. Cannabis Industry Growth and Impact in Napa County
- b. Napa Valley Community Foundation activities
- c. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Early 2018)
- d. How SGMA accounts for property's potential for groundwater recharge
- e. Climate Action Plan
- f. Garrett Allen, CDFW
- g. Waste Discharge Requirements for Vineyards (Periodic updates on program)
- h. Sonoma RCD Partnership and Programs
- i. Forest Management – cost of tree removal – Possible NRCS Assistance
- j. Backyard Pet Waste Composting – Eric McKee
- k. Land Trust of Napa County – Stewardship Program – Mike Palladini

F. Correspondence.

- a. California Association of Winegrape Growers' The Crush newsletter, Volume 45, Issue 7, July 2018.
- b. Wine & Weed 2018 North Coast Symposium on Aug. 2, 2018.
- c. CDFA's California PD/GWSS Board summer 2018 bulletin.

8. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST, AND DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Lucas Patzek and Emma Chow will give an update on current projects and activities. Board Directors comments and updates may also be given.

9. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

- August 20 – Special Board Meeting 5:00-8:00 P.M. at the Yountville Community Park (Site #2), 2900 Lincoln Avenue, Yountville
- September 13 – Board Meeting 8:00 A.M.
- October 11 – Board Meeting 8:00 A.M.