



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

NAPA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Thursday, July 12, 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, July 12, 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 June 14, 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 June 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

No educational presentation is scheduled.

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 June.

B. NRCS Activity Report for June.

C. Authorize the addition of Lucas Patzek to NRCS Vehicle Use Agreement.

Staff requests that the Board authorize the addition of new employee Lucas Patzek to the agreement which allows RCD employees to utilize NRCS vehicles through May 1, 2019.

D. Authorize Frances Knapczyk to attend the 11th annual WaterSmart Innovations Conference held Oct. 3-5 in Las Vegas, NV.

RCD is partnering with the City of Napa's Water Division to present joint accomplishments at the conference's poster session, and Frances will represent the RCD alongside Patrick Costello from the City.

5. SET ITEMS OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

There are no set items.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Schedule a Special Meeting of the Board in August. *Lucas*

A special meeting of the Board is being scheduled for August to celebrate the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 accomplishments of the District. Staff requests that the Board set a time and location for this meeting based on input from Directors, Associate Directors, and staff.

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

Accounts Receivable and Cash Flow Reports were presented.

B. Authorize the Joint Powers Agreement with County of Napa Department of Planning, Building and Environmental Services (PBES) to support Erosion Control Plan (ECP) technical assistance, fire recovery related technical assistance, and Acorns to Oaks programming. *Lucas*

This Agreement provides maximum annual compensation of up to \$150,000 to RCD to assist PBES with implementation of Conservation Regulations by providing technical review of ECPs, performing winterization inspections and performance review, making staff available for ECP pre-application planning, assisting County staff and consultants with environmental review of proposed ECPs, performing hydrologic or other analyses where necessary, providing technical support related to 2017 Napa Fire Complex recovery efforts, maintaining records and database for ECP project accounting and reporting, providing technical support of County's ECP compliance and enforcement activities, including advice on development of any appropriate technical erosion control corrective actions, and providing voluntary tree planting program for Napa County landowners. The term of this agreement will automatically renew for an additional year at the end of each fiscal year unless either party gives appropriate notice.

C. Authorize President to sign agreement Soil Health Coordinator Contract with California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD). *Lucas*

This agreement is from the date of contract signature until December 1, 2019 and provides compensation up to \$15,000 for RCD provide technical assistance to landowners to implement soil health activities and to coordinate consistent educational programming and marketing related to soil health in Napa County. A portion of the work will be done in conjunction with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to assist projects implemented as part of the CDFA Healthy Soils Initiative.

D. Authorize President to sign agreement with the City of Napa for RCD to provide water-wise landscaping education and on-call biologist services. *Lucas*

This agreement is for fiscal year 2018-19 and provides compensation up to \$32,000 for RCD to assist City of Napa with implementation of the water conservation programming. The scope of work includes: ongoing development and maintenance of Vintage High School Rain Garden and Water-Wise Landscape, coordination of annual Bay-Friendly-affiliated Garden Tour, assistance with Water-Wise Landscaping Workshops for the general public, assistance with the Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL) training for landscape professionals, youth education, and on-call services for biological expertise of sensitive or protected species.

E. Annual review of NRCS and RCD Operational Agreement, and authorize the President to sign the agreement. *Lucas and Emma*

The partnership between NRCS and RCD is unique and requires a local agreement to define and clarify the roles, responsibilities and expectations between the RCD and the local NRCS office. The Operational Agreement is a supplement to both the Mutual Agreement between the District and USDA and the Cooperative Working Agreement between the District and NRCS. Staff requests that the Board sign the updated Operational Agreement.

F. Nomination of an RCD Director representative to the Watershed Information & Conservation Council (WICC). *Lucas*

Director Pramuk is the RCD's current representative to the WICC, and his term is expiring July 2018. He completed Director Stranzl McCann's term following her resignation in March 2017. Staff requests that the Board nominate a Director to serve

as the RCD's representative on the WICC for a four-year term beginning August 2018. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2018.

G. Update on the discussions between the Friends of the Napa River (FONR) and RCD about a potential merger. *Beth and Frances*

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 provide education, other executive roles, or the like. As such, FONR is interested in creating a formal relationship with the RCD that may include merging or some other structure that could include 501(c)(3) status, operations, administration, governance, and finance with the RCD. Representatives from FONR and RCD have met to develop a draft MOU to outline the intention of both parties to explore a merger, and to define the contours of the exploratory relationship.

H. Discussion of RCD's role in community dialogues post Measure C. *Jim*

Measure C laid bare some divisions in the Napa County community between watershed and oak woodland protection advocates and the vineyard industry. The Board of Supervisors, vineyard industry, and others are beginning to explore what's next after the defeat of Measure C. For instance, Supervisors Diane Dillon and Brad Wagenknecht want a third-party consultant to bring the community together to discuss whatever concerns exist and explore how the county moves forward. What role could and should the RCD play in this discussion moving forward?

I. Discuss Upcoming Events and Possible Director Participation.

- a. Wild American Canyon. July 25. Coyotes
- b. Wild St Helena. July 26. Snakes
- c. Wild Napa. August 8. Otters
- d. North Bay Watershed Association meeting on July 13 in Corte Madera
- e. Bay Area IRWM Coordinating Committee Meeting in Oakland on July 23
- f. Napa County Local Food Advisory Council meeting on July 23
- g. Napa Valley Grapegrowers' 2018 Organic Winegrowing Conference on July

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- h. CARCD Conference on Nov 14-17 in San Diego

J. 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
- c. Conversation with the new Region 3 Director of California Fish & Wildlife – Gregg Erickson

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

K. Correspondence.

- a. The Crush magazine of the California Association of Winegrape Growers, Volume 45, Issue 6.
- b. Save-the-Date for 2018 CDFA FREP-WPHA Conference on Oct. 23-24 in Seaside, CA.
- c. CalPERS Employer News Spring 2018.
- d. Invitation for the 50th Napa County Farm Bureau Foundation's Love of the Land event on July 21 at Oak Knoll Ranch.
- e. Thank You card for RCD's involvement in 2nd Annual Napa Volunteer Fair.

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 2 – Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 A.M.

August 9 – Board Meeting 8:00 A.M.

September 13 – Board Meeting 8:00 A.M.

October 11 – Board Meeting 8:00 A.M.