



Napa County Resource Conservation District Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

AGENDA

When: Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 8:00 A.M.

Where: Tele/videoconference

Bruce Barge President	Rainer Hoenicke Vice President	Ashley Anderson Bennett Director	Jon Kanagy Director	Jim Lincoln Director	Bill Pramuk Director	Gretchen Stranzl McCann Director
Lucas Patzek Executive Director		Anna Mattinson District Secretary	Shana Bagley District Counsel	Tracy Schulze Auditor-Controller		

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Napa County Resource Conservation District ("Napa RCD" or "District") will hold a regular meeting of its Board of Directors on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 8:00 A.M. In accordance with California Assembly Bill 361, the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency due to COVID-19, and local officials' recommendation for continued remote attendance at public meetings, this meeting will be streamed live via Zoom links. You can participate in the meeting as follows:

Via Zoom videoconference at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86472423799?pwd=RzJwM1MzYVpkRIJHR0g4Tm1qUEJSZz09>

Meeting ID: 864 7242 3799, Password: 867

Via teleconference at:

(669) 900-9128, Meeting ID: 864 7242 3799

We will accept written public comments received by 4 P.M. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 sent by email to Lucas@NapaRCD.org, and we will provide time for oral public comments at the meeting. All comments will be considered a public record and will be put into the meeting record. Requests for disability related modifications or accommodations, aids or services must be made to the District office no less than 24 hours prior to the meeting date by contacting 707-690-3110, Anna@NapaRCD.org. 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 5:00 P.M., except for District Holidays. The agenda is available online at: <http://naparcd.org/>

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

- A. Roll call** – The meeting is to be called to order by the Chair at 8:00 A.M., and the Executive Director will take attendance.
- B. Approval of the agenda** – The Board will consider approval of the agenda for this meeting.
- C. Approval of meeting minutes** – The Board will consider approval of minutes from the March 10, 2022 regular meeting.
- D. Ratification of District bills** – The Board will review and ratify bills approved by the Executive Director.

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. EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Lucas Patzek, Napa RCD's Executive Director, will discuss how the organization's forest health program currently operates and will describe key projects.

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. Ratify two Landowner Implementation & Incentive Payment Agreements for the North Bay Forest Improvement Program (NBFIP).

Two landowners submitted applications to NBFIP and were selected to participate in the program by conducting forest management practices as described in the agreements: Kibbie Ruth and Jim Granucci, and Bruce Phillips. Both agreements were signed by the Executive Director on April 8, 2022 and are valued at \$11,700 and \$9,239.08. The source of funding is a Prop 68 CAL FIRE grant awarded to NBFIP administrator Rebuild North Bay Foundation.

B. Ratify Agreement No. 2022-12 with Envy Wines LLC.

Envy Wines LLC desires Napa RCD to assess the natural resource features and develop LandSmart® Plans for 1 vineyard parcel, and grants permission to Napa RCD staff to enter the properties to carry out the assessment subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement. Contract value is \$896.00. The agreement was executed by the Executive Director on April 6, 2022.

C. Ratify GrizzlyCorps Service Site Agreement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Napa RCD applied and was selected for service year 2022-2023 of the GrizzlyCorps program of the Regents of the University of California's UC Berkeley campus. The GrizzlyCorps Fellow will play a key role in growing the Napa RCD's capacity to help the community improve forest health and fire resiliency by developing new resources and spearheading education and outreach efforts. The \$20,000 fiscal contribution for this MOU comes from the State Coastal Conservancy grant awarded to Napa RCD (Project Title: "Wildfire Resiliency on Napa County Public Lands"). The MOU term will be for one complete service year by a GrizzlyCorps Member beginning September 1, 2022 and ending July 28, 2023. The MOU was signed on March 31, 2022 by Alison Blodorn.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Governance Committee update.

- a. Discussion about associate director recruitment, program advisory committee process, etc. *Bruce Barge*
- b. Discussion about raising the visibility of Napa RCD including the new [Annual Report](#), website update, etc. *Ashley Kvitek*

B. Huichica Creek Vineyard update. *Lucas Patzek*

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion about and potential action on AB 1902 "Resource conservation: resource conservation districts." *Lucas Patzek*

[AB 1902](#), introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry, seeks to make needed updates to Division 9 of the Public Resources Code, the enabling statute for resource conservation districts. CARCD has worked to advance this legislation and has been hosting listening sessions with RCDs statewide to refine. We will discuss what this legislation entails, the timeline for the legislation going forward, and how we can work with CARCD to provide input. Potential action to submit a support letter in collaboration with CARCD.

B. Discuss and select recipient(s) of Napa RCD's Scholarship for Emerging Environmental Leaders. *Lucas Patzek*

Napa RCD with support from the Freed Family Fund of Napa Valley Community Foundation has dedicated scholarship funds to celebrate the contributions of young leaders who have partnered with it to voluntarily care for Napa County's land, water, soil, wildlife, and people. This scholarship is open to students graduating from any high school, high school equivalent, or GED program in Napa County who also satisfy certain requirements defined in the scholarship application. This year there were 5 scholarship applicants, and staff recommends that all be awarded at \$1,000 each.

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

Lucas Patzek (Napa RCD Executive Director) and Evelyn Denzin (NRCS District Conservationist) will give an update on current Napa RCD and NRCS projects and activities. Rainer Hoenicke (RCD Director) will give an update on current CARCD projects and activities. Other Directors may also provide comments and updates.

8. ADJOURNMENT