



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

AGENDA

When: Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.

Where: NVTA Board Room at 625 Burnell St, Napa, CA, or
Tele/videoconference

Bruce Barge President	Rainer Hoenicke Vice President	Paul Asmuth Director	Jim Lincoln Director	Bill Pramuk Director	Gretchen Stranzl McCann Director	Karen Turjanis Director
Lucas Patzek Executive Director	Anna Mattinson District Secretary	Corey Utsurogi 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, March 9, 2023 at 8:00 A.M. You can participate in the meeting as follows:

In person at: NVTA Board Room at 625 Burnell St, Napa, CA 94559

Via videoconference at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82059392613?pwd=RnFMaFdML2hlUE1vNU8vcjg4SXlldz09>

Meeting ID: 820 5939 2613, Password: 422

Via teleconference at:

(669) 900-9128, Meeting ID: 820 5939 2613

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://naparc.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. Welcoming statements** – Welcoming newly appointed Director Turjanis, and reminder about the return to in-person meetings.
- C. Approval of the agenda** – The Board will consider approval of the agenda for this meeting.
- D. Approval of meeting minutes** – The Board will consider approval of minutes from the February 9, 2022 regular meeting.
- E. Ratification of District bills** – The Board will review and ratify bills approved by the Executive Director.
- F. Approval of District bills** – The Board will review and consider approval of the District bills for February 2023.

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. 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. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 related to an application to the California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grants Program.

Napa RCD desires to submit a grant application to CAL FIRE for the California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grants Program in 2023 to carry out the “Napa City Community Wildfire Protection and Capacity Planning” project in partnership with the City of Napa and Napa Communities Firewise Foundation. A resolution must be submitted with the grant application.

B. Authorize Board President and/or Executive Director to execute agreements related California Association of Resource Conservation’s (CARCD’s) grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB).

CARCD applied for and was approved to receive funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for habitat restoration and carbon farm plan implementation across the state. Napa RCD partnered with CARCD on this statewide proposal, and will receive \$325,999 through April 31, 2027 specifically to support carbon farm plan implementation, monarch/pollinator habitat enhancement planning and implementation, and fish passage barrier assessment and removal.

C. Authorize Board President and/or Executive Director to execute agreements related 2022 CDFA CAPGP Grant Award CAPGP-23-065.

Napa RCD applied for and was approved to receive funding in the amount of \$247,100 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for delivering the 2022 Conservation Agriculture Planning Grants Program (CAPGP) in Napa County. This funding will support the development of pollinator habitat and carbon farm plans for agricultural producers in Napa County. CDFA's Office of Grants Administration may require up to 90-120 days to process and execute Napa RCD's grant agreement.

D. Authorize Board President and/or Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 2 to California Trout Agreement No. 21-107NCR.

Napa RCD and California Trout entered into Agreement No. 21-107NCR to partner in implementing a project entitled "Sulphur Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project." Additional funding has been secured for the project, so Napa RCD and California Trout desire to amend the Agreement to add \$86,020 to the current maximum budget amount of \$619,854.

E. Ratify Napa RCD Agreement No. 2023005 with California Reforestation Inc.

Napa RCD wishes to obtain specialized services under Agreement 20-115 with State Coastal Conservancy to complete a fire fuel reduction project on the Suskol House Land Project property. California Reforestation Inc. submitted a proposal to a Request for Qualifications, is qualified, and is willing to provide such specialized services. Agreement No. 2023005 expires July 30, 2024 and shall not exceed \$75,000. Executive Director Patzek signed the agreement on February 28, 2023.

F. Appoint members of the Huichica Creek Sustainable Vineyard & Orchard Advisory Committee pursuant to Resolution 2016-07.

The Huichica Creek Sustainable Vineyard & Orchard Advisory Committee provides input related to the operation and long-term goals of the Napa RCD's program. Staff recommends reappointment of the following individuals to the Committee: Directors: Jim Lincoln, Bill Pramuk, Gretchen Stranzl McCann; Associate Directors: Christopher Carpenter, Bryan Parker, and Matthew Reid.

4. BUSINESS

- A. **Overview about the LAFCO Municipal Service Review (MSR) process.** *Brendon Freeman, Executive Officer, Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County*
- B. **Presentation and discussion about USDA-NRCS programs and partnership in Napa County.** *Evelyn Denzin, District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS*
- C. **Updates from the Governance Committee.** *Bruce Barge*
- D. **Presentation and discussion about the recommendations from the Fiscal Infrastructure Review.** *Lucas Patzek*

5. 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.

6. ADJOURNMENT