



# MINUTES

When: Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 8:00 A.M.

Where: JoAnn Busenbark Board Room, Napa Valley Transit Authority (NVTA), 625  
Burnell St, Napa, CA

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	Corey Utsurogi District Counsel	Tracy Schulze Auditor-Controller			

## 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Napa County Resource Conservation District was called to order at 8:01 A.M. on Thursday, July 18, 2024 by President Bruce Barge.

### A. Call to order and roll call.

Directors present in-person included Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Jim Lincoln, Bill Pramuk, and Karen Turjanis. Directors Paul Asmuth and Gretchen Stranzl McCann were absent. Associate Directors Chris Carpenter, Joseph Nordlinger, Bryan Parker, Lucio Perez, and Matthew Reid were present. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Tatia Wieland, Ali Blodorn, Frances Knapczyk, and Monique Byro. District Counsel Corey Utsurogi was present. Chip Bouril from NRCS was present.

### B. Approval of the agenda.

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

MOTION: Hoenicke; SECOND: Turjanis; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Lincoln, Turjanis. NOES: None; ABSENT: Asmuth, Pramuk, Stranzl McCann; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

### C. Approval of meeting minutes.

Approved minutes from the June 13, 2024 regular meeting.

MOTION: Turjanis; SECOND: Lincoln; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Lincoln, Turjanis. NOES: None; ABSENT: Asmuth, Pramuk, Stranzl McCann; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

### D. Ratification of District bills.

Ratified bills approved by the Executive Director in the amount of \$166,181.79.

MOTION: Hoenicke; SECOND: Turjanis; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Lincoln, Pramuk, Turjanis. NOES: None; ABSENT: Asmuth, Stranzl McCann; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

### E. Approval of District bills.

Approved the District bills for June 2024 in the amount of \$175,691.12.

MOTION: Hoenicke; SECOND: Lincoln; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Lincoln, Pramuk, Turjanis. NOES: None; ABSENT: Asmuth, Stranzl McCann; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

## 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved consent calendar.

MOTION: Lincoln; SECOND: Hoenicke; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Lincoln, Pramuk, Turjanis. NOES: None; ABSENT: Asmuth, Stranzl McCann; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

- A. Authorize Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 2 for agreement California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD).
- B. Authorize Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 for Agreement No. 2023011 with the Land Trust of Napa County.
- C. Authorize Executive Director to execute any agreements with the City of Napa for forest management planning and implementation at Westwood Hills Park.
- D. Authorize Executive Director to execute Agreement No. 2024015 with Clifton Environmental.
- E. Authorize Executive Director to execute Right-of-Entry Agreement with C. Mondavi and Sons Inc. DBA Charles Krug Winery.
- F. Authorize Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 230007B with Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCD).

## 4. BUSINESS

- A. Updates on climate action programming in Napa County:
  - a. Frances Knapczyk and Monique Byro presented on the RCAAP community engagement process and City of Napa climate partnership.
  - b. Ali Blodorn provided an update and overview on two emerging Forest Health Program endeavors with an important climate resilience nexus. First, Ali spoke about our urban forestry programs: Napa RCD's Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the USDA Forest Service as well as Napa RCD's role in the City of Napa's development of an Urban Forest Management Plan. Ali also presented an overview of Napa RCD's plan to incorporate a climate lens into the development of a county-wide forest and habitat health strategy.
  - c. City of St. Helena Councilmember Anna Chouteau and Lucas Patzek presented the proposed Napa County GHG emissions monitoring project and summit.
  - d. Napa Climate NOW! board members Jim Wilson, Chris Benz, and Linda Brown shared information regarding their organization's goals, current projects and future plans.

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

Lucas Patzek (Napa RCD Executive Director) spoke about the status of the Strategic Plan and anticipated the plan's public availability. Additionally, he reported on the project to fully restore the Napa RCD Hulchica Creek property.

Ali Blodorn gave an update on behalf of Evelyn Denzin (NRCS District conservationist). She shared information regarding the August 1st Local Working Group Meeting and prescribed burn field tour taking place at the Pacific Union College Forest trailhead.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 A.M.