



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

MINUTES

When: Thursday, September 19, 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 8:03 A.M. on Thursday, September 19, 2024 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Call to order and roll call.

Directors present included Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Paul Asmuth, Bill Pramuk, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, and Karen Turjanis. Director Jim Lincoln was absent. Associate Directors Ernie Schlobohm and Jennifer Putnam were present. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Tatia Wieland, Lisa Michl, and Ashley Kvitck. District Counsel Corey Utsurogi was present. Evelyn Denzin from NRCS was present.

B. Approval of the agenda.

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

C. Approval of meeting minutes.

Approved minutes from the August 8, 2024 regular meeting.

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

D. Ratification of District bills.

Ratified bills approved by the Executive Director in the amount of \$151,699.47.

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

E. Approval of District bills.

Approved the District bills for September 2024 in the amount of \$56,460.84.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved consent calendar.

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

- A. Ratify Sonoma Valley Wholesale Nursey Agreement No. 2024019.**
- B. Authorize Executive Director to execute Agreement No. 24-C25 with the Napa Valley Transportation Authority.**
- C. Authorize Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and any future MOA amendments.**
- D. Authorize Napa RCD’s Executive Director or their designee as a representative of Napa RCD to conduct negotiations, execute, submit, and sign all documents related to contract with City of Napa to provide services related to a Planning and Capacity Building Project funded by a grant from the California Air Resources Board (CARB).**
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-03 approving application for grant funds from the Bureau of Reclamation (BoR) for the “Developing a New Watershed Group in the Napa River Watershed of California” Project.**

4. BUSINESS

A. Presentation about and potential action related to the decommissioning of Clover Flat Landfill and Upper Valley Disposal Service in Napa County.

Anne Wheaton and former St. Helena Mayor Geoff Ellsworth presented on the location, history and current issues associated with the Clover Flat Landfill and Upper Valley Disposal Service waste sites. The presenters represent a coalition of environmental organizations that support the decommissioning of these two landfill sites. The speakers expressed an interest in working with Napa RCD to explore post-closure restoration and remediation of the sites. The Napa RCD Board of Directors will further discuss the possibility of supporting the coalition’s efforts.

B. Brown Act refresher presentation.

District Counsel Corey Utsurogi presented on the basics of the Brown Act to ensure that the decision-making process of all legislative bodies are conducted in public and open to public scrutiny. The discussion included what constitutes a “Meeting” and the difference between Abstentions and Recusals.

C. Updates from the Funding & Visibility Committee and concerning Strategic Plan engagement.

Community Engagement Project Manager Ashley Kvitek presented on this year’s Coastal Cleanup Day. She highlighted the efforts of the Funding & Visibility Committee members in establishing four “Dine and Donate” fundraising events with local restaurants. President Bruce Barge presented on the committee plan to target large donors and utilize Napa RCD’s 80-year anniversary in upcoming marketing efforts.

D. Celebrating the life and service of Dennis Bowker.

Retired Napa RCD staff and past Associate Director Bob Zlomke presented on the accomplishments and legacy of Dennis Bowker.

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

Evelyn Denzin (NRCS District conservationist) shared that NRCS staff are focused on fiscal year-end and are looking forward to collaborating with new clients in October.

Lucas Patzek (Napa RCD Executive Director) introduced Napa RCD newest staff member, Conservation Project Manager Lisa Michl.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District is October 10, 2024.