



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

# AGENDA

**When:** Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 8:00 A.M.

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

Bruce Barge <b>President</b>	Rainer Hoenicke <b>Vice President</b>	Paul Asmuth <b>Director</b>	Jim Lincoln <b>Director</b>	Bill Pramuk <b>Director</b>	Gretchen Stranzl McCann <b>Director</b>	Karen Turjanis <b>Director</b>
		Lucas Patzek <b>Executive Director</b>	Corey Utsurogi <b>District Counsel</b>	Tracy Schulze <b>Auditor-Controller</b>		

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Napa County Resource Conservation District (“Napa RCD” or “District”) will hold a regular meeting of its Board of Directors in-person at the location noted above. 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/>

The public should attend Board meetings in-person to ensure the ability to observe and participate. Remote teleconference access is provided for the public’s convenience and in the event that a Director requests remote participation due to just cause or emergency circumstances pursuant to Government Code section 54953(f). Please be advised that if a Director is not participating in the meeting remotely, remote participation for members of the public is provided for convenience only and in the event that the Zoom teleconference connection malfunctions for any reason, the Board of Directors reserves the right to conduct the meeting without remote access and take action on any agenda item. The public may participate telephonically or electronically via the methods below:

Via videoconference at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82906548567?pwd=aHDQdilfwsFvJqZBlm6Y6ykBXbHv3O.1>

Meeting ID: 829 0654 8567, Password: 032

Via teleconference at:

Call 669-900-9128 and enter: Meeting ID: 829 0654 8567, Password: 032

Members of the public may comment on any subject over which the District has jurisdiction that is not on the meeting agenda during the general Public Comment item of the agenda. Comments related to a specific item on the agenda must be reserved until the time the agenda item is considered and the Chair invites public

comment. While members of the public are welcome to address the Board of Directors, under the Brown Act, Directors may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen.

Members of the public may submit a public comment in writing by emailing [Tatia@NapaRCD.org](mailto:Tatia@NapaRCD.org) by 4:00 P.M. on the day prior to the meeting with "Public Comment" as the subject line (for comments related to an agenda item, please include the item number). All written comments should be 350 words or less, which corresponds to approximately 3 minutes or less of speaking time. Public comments emailed after the deadline described above will be entered into the record but not read out loud. If authors of the written correspondence would like to speak, they are free to do so and should raise their hand and the Chair will call upon them at the appropriate time.

Requests for disability related modifications or accommodations, aids, or services must be made to Tatia Wieland, District Secretary, at 707-690-3110 or [Tatia@NapaRCD.org](mailto:Tatia@NapaRCD.org) during regular business hours at least 48 hours prior to the time of the meeting.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

- A. Call to order and roll call** – The meeting is to be called to order by the Chair at 8:00 A.M.
- 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 September 19, 2024 regular meeting.
- D. Ratification of District bills** – The Board will review and ratify bills approved by the Executive Director.
- E. Approval of District bills** – The Board will review and consider approval of the District bills for September 2024.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may comment on any subject over which the District has jurisdiction that is not on the meeting agenda at this time. Comments related to a specific item on the agenda must be reserved until the time the agenda item is considered and the Chair invites public comment. While members of the public are welcome to address the Board of Directors, under the Brown Act, Directors may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen.

### 3. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Presentation by Deborah Elliott, Climate Action Management Analyst for the City of Napa, about the City's climate priorities and programs.

### 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 Director may request discussion of an item on the consent calendar.

**A. Authorize Executive Director to execute Right of Entry Agreements for implementation projects funded by the Napa Valley Vintners Healthy Community Fund Agreement No. 2023009.**

Napa RCD wishes to execute Right of Entry Agreements with landowners for forest health and wildfire resilience implementation projects funded by Agreement No. 2023009 with the Napa Valley Vintners.

**B. Authorize Executive Director to execute Right of Entry Agreement with Napa Valley College.**

Napa RCD wishes to execute a Right of Entry Agreement with Napa Valley College for the implementation of vegetation management activities on Napa Valley College's Mt Veeder Bumpy Camp property. Napa RCD will contract with a qualified contractor identified through a prior Request for Qualifications process to conduct this work. The work will be funded by Agreement No. 2CA0502 with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) and will be performed according to a recently completed Forest Management Plan.

### 5. BUSINESS

**A. Possible action to reappoint three Associate Directors.** *Lucas Patzek*

Associate Directors Bryan Parker, Chris Carpenter, and Lucio Perez were last appointed on October 13, 2022. Policy No. 4050 states that Associate Directors are appointed for two-year terms. Staff recommends the reappointment of these three Associate Directors.

**B. Action to authorize submittal of CEQA Notice of Exemptions (NOE).** *Ali Blodorn*

The "Napa Valley College Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Project" is funded through the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) Agreement No. 2CA0502 and supports implementation of vegetation management activities on Napa Valley College's Mt Veeder Bumpy Camp property. The "Berryessa Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Project" is funded through the Napa Valley Vintners Healthy Community Fund (NVVHCF) Agreement No. 2023009 and supports implementation of vegetation management and

acorn planting across three private properties in Berryessa. Staff analysis has determined that both projects are categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 4 exemptions. Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the submittal of Notice of Exemptions for both projects.

**C. Presentation of District financial reports.** *Lucas Patzek & Tatia Wieland*

**D. Updates from the Funding & Visibility Committee.** *Lucas Patzek*

## **6. 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. Directors may also provide comments and updates.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**