



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

# MINUTES

**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>		

## 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Napa County Resource Conservation District was called to order at 8:05 A.M. on Thursday, October 10, 2024 by Vice President Rainer Hoenicke.

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

Directors present included Rainer Hoenicke, Paul Asmuth, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, and Karen Turjanis. Director Bruce Barge, Jim Lincoln, and Bill Pramuk were absent. Associate Directors Ernie Schlobohm and Bryan Parker were present. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Tatia Wieland, Frances Knapczyk, and Monique Byro. District Counsel Corey Utsurogi was present. Evelyn Denzin from NRCS was present.

### B. Approval of the agenda.

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

### C. Approval of meeting minutes.

Approved minutes from the September 19, 2024 regular meeting.

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

#### **D. Ratification of District bills.**

Ratified bills approved by the Executive Director in the amount of \$88,094.19.

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

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments from the public.

## **3. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Deborah Elliott, Climate Action Management Analyst for the City of Napa, presented the City's climate priorities and programs. She reported on the City of Napa's current focus of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by adding electric vehicle charging stations, improving building efficiency, engaging the community, sustainable purchasing, and compost implementation. She also presented on The Countywide Climate Action Committee (CAC) and the Napa County Regional Climate Action Plan as a roadmap for climate resilience.

## **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved consent calendar.

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

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

## **5. BUSINESS**

### **A. Reappointment of three Associate Directors.**

Reappoint Chris Carpenter, Bryan Parker, and Lucio Perez as Associate Directors.

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

**B. Submittal of CEQA Notice of Exemptions (NOE) authorized.**

Authorize the submittal of Notice of Exemptions for the “Napa Valley College Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Project” and the “Berryessa Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Project.”

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

**C. Presentation of District financial reports.**

Executive Director Lucas Patzek presented trends in funding sources, staff and consulting levels, cash reserves, and community contributions. Tatia Wieland presented a cash on hand report including deferred revenue and accounts receivable.

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

Frances Knapczyk presented on community engagement updates, education programs, Coastal Cleanup Day, The Watershed Symposium, and recent tabling events.

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

Lucas Patzek (Napa RCD Executive Director) spoke about a meeting request from U.S. Representative Mike Thompson.

Evelyn Denzin (NRCS District conservationist) shared that NRCS are sending out notices for applications, including Climate-Smart Agriculture practices.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District is November 14, 2024.