



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

# AGENDA

**When:** Monday, December 16, 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 November 14, 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 November 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 Ashley Kvittek, Community Engagement Project Manager, about Napa RCD's Teen Conservation Internship.

## 4. BUSINESS

### **A. Potential action to adopt Resolution No. 2024-05.** *Lucas Patzek*

Resolution No. 2024-05 requests that the Napa County Board of Supervisors appoint four directors who are currently appointed but whose terms expired on November 27, 2024.

### **B. Potential action to adopt Resolution No. 2024-06.** *Lucas Patzek*

Resolution No. 2024-06 requests that Napa RCD approve application for funding from the Cal Fire Forest Health Grant Program as provided through the California Climate Investments.

### **C. Updates about the Huichica Creek Riparian & Salt Marsh Restoration Project and potential action to appoint Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee members.**

*Lucas Patzek*

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-04 establishes a Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee to provide input related to restoration planning, implementation, maintenance and monitoring, public access, community engagement and research programming, and other aspects of its property. No more than three directors, any interested associate directors, and up to five members of the public with the knowledge and expertise needed to advance the goals of this property may be appointed to this Advisory Committee. The following individuals have expressed interest in serving on the Advisory Committee: Rainer Hoenicke (director), Jim Lincoln (director), Bill Pramuk (director), Gretchen Stranzl McCann (director), and Bryan Parker (associate director).

### **D. Discussion and potential action related to a letter of support for an application by Napa County to the Conservation Planning Assistance Grant Program, as well as initial discussion about Napa RCD's advocacy process.** *Bruce Barge*

A local coalition has been advocating for the exploration of whether a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) or Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) is a useful and efficient tool for preventing the decline of rare and endangered species in Napa County. The U.S. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) operates the Conservation Planning Assistance Grant Program which could fund the preparation of a Technical Report for Preliminary Strategic Planning to gather the necessary data to determine the challenges and possibilities of an HCP/NCCP.

### **E. Updates from the Funding & Visibility Committee.**

**a. General updates.** *Bruce Barge & Lucas Patzek*

**b. Update about the Watershed Symposium.** *Frances Knapczyk & Bruce Barge*

**c. Updates about the GiveGuide campaign.** *Frances Knapczyk*

### **F. Updates about the Napa River Watershed Fish Passage Restoration Program.** *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. Directors may also provide comments and updates.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**