



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

MINUTES

When: Thursday, January 16, 2025 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 8:02 A.M. on Thursday, January 16, 2025 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Call to order and roll call.

Directors present included Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Paul Asmuth, Jim Lincoln, and Bill Pramuk. Director Karen Turjanis was present online. Director Gretchen Stranzl McCann was absent. Associate Directors Chris Carpenter, Joseph Nordlinger, Bryan Parker, Jennifer Putnam, and Ernie Schlobohm were present online. District Counsel Corey Utsurogi was present online. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Alison Blodorn, Frances Knapczyk, and Tatia Wieland. Chip Bouril from NRCS was present.

B. Approval of the agenda.

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

C. Ratification of District bills.

Ratified December 2024 bills approved by the Executive Director in the amount of \$140,494.15.

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

D. Approval of District bills.

Approved regular December 2024 bills in the amount of \$16,560.97.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie and Joe Cabral commented on the property leased to Napa RCD and made a request to modify the lease.

Jim Wilson commented on a 2030 net zero carbon emission goal and a local Napa youth group awarded the 2024 climate champion award.

3. BUSINESS

A. Presentation and discussion about mid-year financial reports and grant log.

Executive Director Lucas Patzek presented on the Districts recent grant applications and the potential projects to be funded. Next, he presented the mid-year statement of revenues and expenses. Board Secretary Tatia Wieland presented on the Districts cash flow and accounts receivables.

B. Updates about the Napa River Watershed Fish Passage Restoration Program.

Executive Director Lucas Patzek presented on the status of the Napa River Watershed Fish Passage Restoration Program. The District has completed the removal of one major barrier on Sulphur Creek and three small barriers in the Napa River watershed. A barrier assessment document is being created to use as a project pipeline for future funding. Five high-priority barriers are in the design and permitting phase of remediation. The District is also enhancing its fish monitoring approach to better prioritize remediation projects and assess the effectiveness of restoration efforts.

C. Updates from the Funding & Visibility Committee.

- a.** President Bruce Barge gave an update on the selection process of a marketing and communications firm to promote the Districts 80th anniversary and recent major donor meetings.
- b.** Program Director Frances Knapczyk presented the results of the 2024 GiveGuide campaign that resulted in a record number of donors.

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

Executive Director Lucas Patzek explained the Board of Directors nomination process, the departure of one Associate Director, and the January 30th CRAE Closing Celebration. Director Paul Asmuth shared information on the Arbor Day event at the St Helena Community Forest.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District is February 13, 2025.