



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

MINUTES

When: Thursday, February 13, 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 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 13, 2025 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Call to order and roll call.

Directors present included Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke (at 8:03 A.M.), Paul Asmuth, Jim Lincoln, Bill Pramuk, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, and Karen Turjanis. Associate Directors Joseph Nordlinger, Lucio Perez, Jennifer Putnam, and Ernie Schlobohm were present online. District Counsel Doug Parker was present online. Auditor-Controller Tracy Schulze was present. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek (online), Alison Blodorn, Frances Knapczyk, and Tatia Wieland. Evelyn Denzin from NRCS was present.

B. Approval of the agenda.

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Wilson discussed the Napa RCD Climate Emergency Resolution and the importance of net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

3. SET ITEMS OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

8:10 A.M. – Presentation, Discussion and Authorization to Accept the 2023-2024 Audit Report. *Tracy Schulze, Napa County Auditor-Controller*

Authorized Acceptance of the 2023-2024 Audit Report.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the consent agenda.

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

- A. Approve minutes from the December 16, 2024 regular meeting.**
- B. Approve minutes from the January 16, 2025 regular meeting.**
- C. Ratify bills approved by the Executive Director.**
- D. Approve regular District bills from January 2025.**
- E. Amend FY 24-25 salary schedule only to rename the "Finance Manager" classification to "Finance and Administration Manager."**
- F. Authorize Executive Director to execute Agreement No. 2024035 with Humboldt Resource Conservation District.**
- G. Authorize Executive Director to execute an agreement with the City of St. Helena for the Upper York Creek Habitat Restoration Project.**
- H. Authorize Executive Director to execute right-of-entry agreements with landowners along Lower Suscol Creek for field surveys and technical studies.**

5. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Presentation about the key accomplishments, current priorities, and upcoming efforts of Napa Schools for Climate Action.

Liliana Karesh, Maddie Chiu, and Arya Adhye presented on the Napa Schools for Climate Action organization and the policy efforts for Climate Restoration.

B. Board will consider forming an Ad Hoc Committee to interview applicants for its four Director vacancies and make a recommendation to the Napa County Board of Supervisors concerning Director appointments in lieu of election.

Approved the Ad Hoc Committee formation.

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

C. Board will consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Napa Wildfire Resilience Coordinating Group. *Ali Blodorn*

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

D. Funding & Visibility Committee report.

Program Director Frances Knapczyk reported that a marketing and communication consultant has been selected.

E. Executive Director's report.

Executive Director Lucas Patzek discussed the Federal funding freeze and the impact on Napa RCD projects.

F. USDA NRCS report.

Evelyn Denzin (NRCS District conservationist) shared information regarding Farm Bill ranking, IRA funding and hiring freezes and requests for Napa Riverbank stabilization.

G. Directors' reports.

Director Asmuth reported on the public planting event at the St. Helena Community Forest.

Director Barge announced a Napa RCD volunteer recognition celebration and a field trip with the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

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