



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

MINUTES

When: Thursday, March 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	Gretchen Stranzl McCann Director	Karen Turjanis Director	Vacant 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, March 13, 2025 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Call to order and roll call.

Directors present included Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Paul Asmuth, Jim Lincoln, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, and Karen Turjanis. Associate Director Jennifer Putnam was present online. District Counsel Corey Utsurogi was present. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Alison Blodorn, Frances Knapczyk (online), and Tatia Wieland. Evelyn Denzin and Chip Bouril from NRCS were present.

B. Approval of the agenda.

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the consent agenda.

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

- A. Approve minutes from the February 13, 2025 regular meeting.**
- B. Ratify bills approved by the Executive Director.**
- C. Approve regular District bills from February 2025.**
- D. Authorize Executive Director to execute Agreement No. 2025007 with North Coast Resource Conservation and Development (dba Conservation Works).**
- E. Authorize Executive Director to execute Agreement No. 2025008 with North Coast Resource Conservation and Development (dba Conservation Works).**

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Presentation on Napa RCD's administration of a Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program block grant.**

Program Manager Ali Blodorn presented on Napa RCD's role in administering a Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program block grant.

- B. Report and recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee on Director vacancies.**

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-01: Requesting the Napa County Board of Supervisors appoint Directors to the governing board in lieu of election to fill four expiring terms.

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

- C. Potential action to appoint Associate Directors.**

Approved appointment of Patrick Gorman to the role of Associate Director.

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

- D. Appointing designated representatives to participate in the closed session.**

Approved the appointment of Lucas Patzek, Tatia Wieland and Corey Utsurogi as designated representatives to participate in the closed session.

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

5. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code section 54950 et seq., Napa RCD's Board of Directors and designated representatives met in closed session to discuss the following: organizational restructuring, salary schedule, and compensation for Napa RCD employees pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6.

6. REGULAR AGENDA, CONTINUED

A. Report action taken in closed session.

President Bruce Barge reported that the Board of Directors met in Closed Session to discuss three items.

Approved proposed salary schedule.

Approved backdating approval to the start of the fiscal year.

Approved out of classification compensation for the Senior Project Manager, Restoration and Safety position.

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

B. Funding & Visibility Committee report.

Program Manager Frances Knapczyk reported on recent activities of the Funding & Visibility Committee

C. Executive Director's report.

Lucas Patzek requested participation in the Districts upcoming Earth Day programs.

D. Directors' reports.

Director Lincoln commented on Huichica Creek land swap communications.

Director Asmuth announced June 21st has been selected for the planting day event.

President Barge shared that Napa RCD will be featured in Napa Life magazine.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District is April 10, 2025.