



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

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When: Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 8:00 A.M.

Where: JoAnn Busenbark Board Room, Napa Valley Transit Authority (NVTa),
625 Burnell St, Napa, CA

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| 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 8:01 A.M. on Thursday, April 10, 2025 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Call to order and roll call.

Directors present included Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Paul Asmuth, Jim Lincoln, and Karen Turjanis (at 9:00 am). Associate Directors Chris Carpenter, Jennifer Putnam, and Bryan Parker were present online. District Counsel Corey Utsurogi was present online. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Alison Blodorn, Frances Knapczyk, Miguel Garcia, Francisco Larios, and Tatia Wieland. Evelyn Denzin from NRCS was present.

B. Approval of the agenda.

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miguel Garcia spoke about the challenges of the Districts organizational restructuring process.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the consent agenda.

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

- A. Approve minutes from the March 13, 2025 regular meeting.**
- B. Ratify bills approved by the Executive Director.**
- C. Approve regular District bills from March 2025.**
- D. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a funding agreement with Clover Flat Landfill, Inc. in support of the Huichica Creek Riparian and Salt Marsh Restoration Project.**

4. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Overview and Updates on Napa RCD's Agriculture Program.

Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager Miguel Garcia provided an overview and recent updates on Napa RCD's Agriculture Program. Conservation Project Assistant Francisco Larios introduced himself as a new staff member.

B. Overview and Updates on the North Coast Soil Hub.

North Coast Soil Hub Director, Emilie Winfield, presented updates on the regional coalition of Resource Conservation Districts promoting soil health and sustainable land management practices.

C. Consideration and potential adoption of Resolution No. 2025-02.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-02

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

D. Consideration and potential appointment of Associate Director.

Approved appointment of Alexandrina Carlsen to the role of Associate Director

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

Approved reappointment of Bryan Parker, and Chris Carpenter to the role of Associate Director.

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

E. Funding & Visibility Committee report.

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

F. Report from District Conservationist

Evelyn Denzin (NRCS District conservationist) shared that NRCS is experiencing many changes, including new organizational leadership and the upcoming Tree of Heaven workshop.

G. Appointing designated representatives to participate in the closed session.

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

MOTION: Lincoln; SECOND: Asmuth; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Asmuth, Lincoln. NOES: None; ABSENT: Stranzl McCann, Turjanis; 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: salary schedule and employee compensation 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 proposed salary.

Approved proposed salary schedule with modifications.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District is May 8, 2025.