



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

MINUTES

When: Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 8:00 A.M.

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

Bruce Barge President	Paul Asmuth Director	Allison Day Director	Jim Lincoln Director	Gretchen Stranzl McCann Director	Jennifer Putnam 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 8:01 A.M. on Thursday, June 12, 2025 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Call to order and roll call.

Directors present included Bruce Barge, Allison Day, Jim Lincoln, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, Jennifer Putnam, and Karen Turjanis. Associate Directors Chris Carpenter, Patrick Gorman, Joseph Nordlinger, and Bryan Parker were present online. District Counsel Corey Utsurogi was present online. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Alison Blodorn, Danielle Ashton, and Tatia Wieland. Evelyn Denzin from NRCS was present.

B. Approval of the agenda.

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Wilson, Sophie Watson, and Liliana Karesh spoke about Napa RCDs collaboration with Napa Schools for Climate Action and the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-02 in support of H.Res.1563.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the consent agenda.

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

- A. Approve minutes from the May 6, 2025 special meeting.**
- B. Approve minutes from the May 8, 2025 regular meeting.**
- C. Ratify bills approved by the Executive Director.**
- D. Approve regular District bills from May 2025.**
- E. Authorize execution of Agreement No. 2025022 with Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (Napa Firewise).**

4. SET ITEMS OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Presentation and possible action to adopt the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget.**

Adopted the 2025-2026 Budget.

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

5. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Presentation about the Napa County Prescribed Burn Association (Napa PBA).**

Danielle Ashton presented on the Napa Prescribed Burn Association and Napa RCDs role in facilitating regional and state coordination and capacity building in Napa County. She explained the mission of the Napa County PBA and the near-term goals of the association.

- B. Presentation & Discussion: First Draft of Napa RCD Board Handbook**

President Bruce Barge presented the first draft of Napa RCDs Board Handbook. Board Members discussed collaborating on suggested updates and presenting a final draft at the next Board Meeting.

- C. Funding & Visibility Committee report.**

Executive Director Lucas Patzek reported on the Funding and Visibility Committee's establishment of a working group for major donor engagement.

- D. USDA NRCS report.**

Evelyn Denzin reported that NRCS met with Napa RCD forestry program staff to coordinate outreach for the RCD's North Bay Forest Improvement Program. She spoke of Erika Valek's

presentation at the last monthly meeting of the Fire Safe Council Leads to increase awareness and that NRCS staff see great value in building capacity and increasing awareness of the Napa PBA.

E. Executive Director’s report

Executive Director Lucas Patzek reported on plans to hire a Restoration Program Manager and planning for a late summer ribbon cutting ceremony at Sulphur Creek.

F. Directors’ reports

President Bruce Barge announced the St. Helena Community Forest workday to be held on June 21st.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District is July 14, 2025.