

Napa County Resource Conservation District



Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES

Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 8:00 A.M.

JoAnn Busenbark Board Room, Napa Valley Transit Authority (NVTA), 625 Burnell St, Napa, CA

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Napa County Resource Conservation District was called to order at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 15, 2026 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors present included Bruce Barge, Paul Asmuth, Jim Lincoln, Jennifer Putnam (at 8:06 am), and Karen Turjanis. Associate Directors Adrina Carlsen, Joseph Nordlinger, Chris Carpenter, and Patrick Gorman were present online. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Frances Knapczyk, Alison Blodorn, Martin Perales.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Turjanis abstained from item A.

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

A. Minutes from December 11, 2025 Regular Meeting.

B. Bills Approved by the Executive Director.

C. Regular District Bills from December 2025.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Program Spotlight: Napa River Watershed Fish Monitoring and Salmonid Trends

Martin Perales, Environmental Scientist & Fish Biologist, presented on the District's fish monitoring efforts, focusing on population trends for key native salmonids.

Discussion was turned over to the Board. Individual members provided comments, questions, and considerations regarding the update.

B. Huichica Creek Riparian and Salt Marsh Restoration Project

Executive Director Lucas Patzek provided the report.

President Barge called for public comment; there were no requests to speak.

Discussion was turned over to the Board. Brief individual comments ensued.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-01

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

Appoint Director Turjanis to the Huichica Creek Advisory Committee

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

C. CARCD 2025 Annual Business Meeting Elections and Voting

Executive Director Lucas Patzek and Director Karen Turjanis provided the report.

President Barge called for public comment; there were no requests to speak.

Discussion was turned over to the Board. Brief individual comments ensued.

Approved voting recommendations

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

D. Potential Appointment of an Associate Director

Executive Director Lucas Patzek provided the report.

President Barge called for public comment; there were no requests to speak.

Discussion was turned over to the Board. Brief individual comments ensued.

Approved Executive Director to interview candidate and return to Board for future vote

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

E. Board Feedback: Meeting Engagement and Agenda Planning

Executive Director Lucas Patzek provided the report.

Discussion was turned over to the Board. Brief individual comments ensued.

5. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Funding & Visibility Committee Report

Program Director Frances Knapczyk provided the report.

B. USDA NRCS Report

Soil Conservationist Erika Valek provided the report.

C. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Lucas Patzek provided the report.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District is February 12, 2026.