

Napa County Resource Conservation District



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES

Thursday, February 12, 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, February 12, 2026 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors present included Bruce Barge, Paul Asmuth, Jim Lincoln, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, Jennifer Putnam, and Karen Turjanis. Associate Directors Adrina Carlsen, Patrick Gorman and Bryan Parker were present online. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Frances Knapczyk, Alison Blodorn, Eric McKee, Lisa Michl, and Tatia Wieland.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sophie Wassef, co-president of Napa Schools for Climate Action spoke about House Concurrent Resolution 46 and the need to address the climate crisis through climate restoration.

3. SET ITEMS OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Presentation, Discussion, and Authorization to Accept the FY 2024-2025 Annual Financial Audit and Federal Single Audit Reports.

Tracy Schulze, Napa County Auditor-Controller, provided the reports.

Accepted and filed FY 2025 Annual Financial Audit Report and FY 2025 Federal Single Audit Report

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the consent agenda.

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

A. Minutes from January 15, 2026 Special Meeting.

Approved the minutes from the January 15, 2026 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

B. Bills Approved by the Executive Director.

Approved the bills approved by the Executive Director

C. Regular District Bills from January 2026.

Approved the regular District bills from January 2026

D. Letter of Support for the Napa RiverLine Project.

Approved the letter of support for the Napa RiverLine Project

E. Letter of Support for AB1699 – The Good Fire Act.

Approved the letter of support for AB1699 – The Good Fire Act

F. Authorize Execution of Agreement No. 2026003 with Blue Forest.

Authorized the execution of Agreement No. 2026003 with Blue Forest

5. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Potential Appointment of an Associate Director

Approved appointment of María Villagómez to the Associate Director role

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

B. Program Spotlight: Urban and Community Forestry

Lisa Michl, Restoration Senior Project Manager & Ali Blodorn, Forest Health & Restoration Program Director presented the report.

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

C. Presentation: School Greening Trends and Opportunities

Gretchen Stranzl McCann, RCD Director & Eric McKee, Education Senior Project Manager presented the report.

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

6. 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.

D. Directors' Reports

Director Asmuth reported on the Giants Rising film by Lisa Landers.

7. 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 March 12, 2026.