

# Napa County Resource Conservation District



## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

# AGENDA

Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 8:00 A.M.

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

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Napa County Resource Conservation District (“Napa RCD” or “District”) will hold a regular meeting of its Board of Directors in-person at the location noted above. All materials relating to the agenda are available for public inspection at the District office Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., except for District Holidays. The agenda is available online at: <http://naparcd.org/>

The public should attend Board meetings in-person to ensure the ability to observe and participate. Remote teleconference access is provided for the public’s convenience and in the event that a Director requests remote participation due to just cause pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.3 or the Board of Directors conducts a teleconference meeting pursuant to Government Code Sections 54953.8 and 54953.8.2 during an emergency. Please be advised that if a Director is not participating in the meeting remotely for just cause or the Board of Directors is not conducting a teleconference meeting during an emergency, remote participation for members of the public is provided for convenience only, and in the event that the Zoom teleconference connection malfunctions for any reason, the Board of Directors reserves the right to conduct the meeting without remote access and take action on any agenda item. The public may participate telephonically or electronically via the methods below:

Via videoconference at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86774601951?pwd=FletJfb3ATY0qeJ1Fly5rw539hVUaX.1&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 867 7460 1951, Password: 759723

Via teleconference at: Call 669-900-9128 and enter: Meeting ID: 867 7460 1951, Password: 759723

Members of the public may comment on any subject over which the District has jurisdiction that is not on the meeting agenda during the general Public Comment item of the agenda. Under the Brown Act, Directors may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen to comments made during the general Public Comment. Comments related to a specific item on the agenda must be reserved until the time the agenda item is considered and the Chair invites public comment. Per District policy, each speaker is allotted 3-5 minutes for comment on each agenda item.

Members of the public may submit a public comment in writing by emailing [Tatia@NapaRCD.org](mailto:Tatia@NapaRCD.org) by 4:00 P.M. on the day prior to the meeting with “Public Comment” as the subject line (for comments related to an agenda item, please include the item number). All written comments should be 500 words or less and will be entered into the record but not read out loud.

Requests for disability related modifications or accommodations, aids, or services must be made to Tatia Wieland, District Secretary, at 707-690-3110 or [Tatia@NapaRCD.org](mailto:Tatia@NapaRCD.org) during regular business hours at least 48 hours prior to the time of the meeting.

## AGENDA

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting is to be called to order by the Chair at 8:00 A.M.
- B. Approval of the Agenda:** The Board will consider approval of the agenda for this meeting.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may comment on any subject over which the District has jurisdiction that is not on the meeting agenda at this time. Comments related to a specific item on the agenda must be reserved until the time the agenda item is considered and the Chair invites public comment. While members of the public are welcome to address the Board of Directors, under the Brown Act, Directors may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent calendar are considered ministerial or non-substantive and are approved by a single motion. With the concurrence of the Chair, a Director may request discussion of an item on the consent calendar.

- A. Minutes from the April 16, 2026 Special Meeting.**

- Recommendation:** Approve the minutes from the April 16, 2026 Special Meeting.

- B. Bills Approved by the Executive Director.**

- Recommendation:** Ratify bills approved by the Executive Director.

- C. Regular District Bills from April 2026.**

- Recommendation:** Approve District Bills from April 2026.

### 4. Set Items or Public Hearings

8:15 A.M.

- A. Presentation of Draft Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27**

- Presenters:** Lucas Patzek, Executive Director & Tatia Wieland, Finance & Administration Manager. **Duration:** 25 Minutes (15 min presentation / 10 min discussion)

- Presentation of the Draft Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for Board review and discussion. Following this presentation, the public hearing (comment period) will remain open until June 14, 2026, at which time the Board of Directors will review any public comments, consider any recommended amendments, and vote on adoption of the final budget. Public comments on the draft budget may be submitted directly to Tatia Wieland: [Tatia@NapaRCD.org](mailto:Tatia@NapaRCD.org), (707) 361-7320.

- Projected revenues total \$7,511,051, comprising \$5,905,630 in intergovernmental revenues, \$1,062,995 in other revenues (including charges for services, grants, and donations), and \$542,426 in taxes and interest. Projected expenses total \$7,184,567, comprising \$2,762,178 in salaries and employee benefits, \$3,956,117 in services, and \$466,272 in supplies and other. The budget projects an addition to fund balance of \$326,484.

## 5. REGULAR AGENDA

### A. Napa County Agricultural Industry Joint Wine Industry Regulatory Policy Positions: Presentation and Discussion of Partnership and Coordination Opportunities

**Presenters:** Michelle Benvenuto, Executive Director, Winegrowers of Napa County; Peter Rumble, CEO, Napa County Farm Bureau; Caleb Mosley, Executive Director, Napa Valley Grapegrowers. **Duration:** 30 Minutes (15 min presentation / 15 min discussion)

**Description:** This item provides the Board an opportunity to hear from representatives of Napa County's four major agricultural industry organizations regarding their recently adopted joint Wine Industry Regulatory Policy Positions document. Developed collaboratively and approved by each organization's Board of Directors, the statement represents a unified voice on near-term and longer-term local planning and regulatory policy priorities. As Napa RCD's mission is closely tied to the health and sustainability of Napa's working agricultural landscape, this presentation offers a timely opportunity for the Board to engage with industry partners and explore areas of alignment, partnership, and coordination.

**Recommendation:** Receive the presentation from Napa County agricultural industry representatives on the joint Wine Industry Regulatory Policy Positions document and provide direction to staff on any follow-up actions or areas for potential partnership and coordination.

### B. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional and Statewide Leadership Update

**Presenters:** Carlos Suarez, State Conservationist; Allen Curry, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations; and Erika Valek, Soil Conservationist. **Duration:** 25 Minutes (15 min presentation / 10 min discussion)

**Description:** This item provides the Board an opportunity to hear directly from regional and statewide leadership of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). NRCS plays a critical role in supporting voluntary conservation efforts across agricultural and working lands, and its programs and priorities are closely aligned with the mission of Napa RCD.

**Recommendation:** Receive the update from USDA NRCS regional and statewide leadership and provide direction to staff on any follow-up actions or areas for potential partnership and coordination.

## 6. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A. Funding & Visibility Committee Report

**Presenter:** Lucas Patzek, Executive Director. **Duration:** 5 Minutes.

### B. Executive Director's Report

**Presenter:** Lucas Patzek, Executive Director. **Duration:** 5 Minutes.

### C. Directors' Reports

**Presenter:** Any Director. **Duration:** 5 Minutes.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

# Napa County Resource Conservation District



## Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

# MINUTES

Thursday, April 16, 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, April 16, 2026 by Vice President Paul Asmuth.

##### A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors present included Paul Asmuth, Allison Day, Jim Lincoln, Jennifer Putnam, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, and Karen Turjanis. Associate Directors Chirs Carpenter, Joseph Nordlinger, and María Villagómez were present online. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Alison Blodorn, Aaron Fairbrook, and Tatia Wieland.

##### B. Approval of the Agenda

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

#### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the consent agenda.

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

##### A. Minutes from March 12, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Approved the minutes from the March 12, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

##### B. Minutes from March 18, 2026 Special Meeting.

Approved the minutes from the March 18, 2026 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

##### C. Bills Approved by the Executive Director.

Approved the bills approved by the Executive Director

##### D. Regular District Bills from March 2026.

Approved the regular District bills from March 2026

**E. Reappointment of Associate Directors.**

Reappointed John Henshaw, Joe Nordlinger, and Ernie Schlobohm as Associate Directors for a new two-year term

**F. Authorization for Executive Director to Execute Amendment No. 2 to City of Napa Agreement No. C2021-089 for Park Project Consultation, Design, Bidding, and Inspection Services.**

Authorized Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 2 to City of Napa Agreement No. C2021-089

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. Huichica Creek Riparian and Salt Marsh Restoration Project: Project Update and Appointment of Public Members to the Advisory Committee**

Aaron Fairbrook, Program Manager, presented the project update.

Appointed Regina Brinker, Jonathan Koehler, and Richard Seiferheld as public members to the Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee.

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

**B. Development of the Inner Coast Regional Priority Plan for Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Building: Goals, Process, and Regional Collaboration**

Alison Blodorn, Program Director, presented the report.

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

**5. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Funding & Visibility Committee Report**

Executive Director Lucas Patzek 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 Turjanis reported on the Napa Climate Summit and Ag Day.

Director Asmuth reported on his presentation to the Napa Climate Action Committee.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

## Summary of Expenditures for April 2026

Ratify Regular

\$96,250.21

**Total Expenditures**

**\$96,250.21**

## Bills Report May Meeting/April Bills

Check Date	Check #	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Object	PL Project	Activity	Subcategory	Amount	Invoice	Line Description
4/28/2026	44066	40176	Endsight	52130	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	\$2,217.52	10055785	Network Support - April 2026
4/28/2026	1136964	102357	Topo Collective Bene	52490	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	\$8,113.10	918	Donor/Board Outreach Support
4/28/2026	1136952	101689	Principal Life Insur	51400	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	\$1,095.65	4/17/2026	Principal Dental Prem May '26
4/28/2026	1136962	102357	Topo Collective Bene	52490	RCD2025010	2OUTREACH	CmtyEngage	\$3,340.00	881	Huichica Project Web Page
4/28/2026	1136963	102357	Topo Collective Bene	52490	RCD2020035	WTRCON	CmtyEngage	\$875.00	902	Garden Tour Project Management
4/28/2026	1136972	102652	Balance Hydrologics	52490	RCD2025010	1PRJMGMT	ProjAdmin	\$950.00	225143-0326	DesignSvc Huichica Rest Mar'26
4/28/2026	1136972	102652	Balance Hydrologics	52490	RCD2025010	3CONDREP	Planning	\$32,052.50	225143-0326	DesignSvc Huichica Rest Mar'26
4/28/2026	1136972	102652	Balance Hydrologics	52490	RCD2025010	4DATACOLL	Planning	\$2,667.50	225143-0326	DesignSvc Huichica Rest Mar'26
4/28/2026	1136972	102652	Balance Hydrologics	52490	RCD2025010	5DRAFTPSE	Planning	\$4,717.50	225143-0326	DesignSvc Huichica Rest Mar'26
4/28/2026	44095	101469	Gallagher Benefit Se	52100	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	\$2,500.00	INV2536340	HR Support Services April 2026
4/28/2026	1136971	102652	Balance Hydrologics	52490	RCD2025010	1PRJMGMT	ProjAdmin	\$348.75	225143-0226	DesignSvc Huichica Rest Feb'26
4/28/2026	1136971	102652	Balance Hydrologics	52490	RCD2025010	2OUTREACH	CmtyEngage	\$2,575.50	225143-0226	DesignSvc Huichica Rest Feb'26
4/28/2026	1136971	102652	Balance Hydrologics	52490	RCD2025010	3CONDREP	Planning	\$16,427.50	225143-0226	DesignSvc Huichica Rest Feb'26
4/28/2026	1136971	102652	Balance Hydrologics	52490	RCD2025010	4DATACOLL	Planning	\$3,006.25	225143-0226	DesignSvc Huichica Rest Feb'26
4/28/2026	1136965	102357	Topo Collective Bene	52490	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	\$1,181.25	905	Communication Materials Design
4/22/2026	43702	29405	Kaiser Permanente	21205	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	\$824.65	134133675574	Kaiser Insur May '26 plan 33
4/22/2026	43701	29405	Kaiser Permanente	21205	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	\$13,357.54	620304174984	Kaiser Insur May '26 plan 57
								\$96,250.21		

## Summary of Expenditures for April 2026

Regular

\$110,171.92

**Total Expenditures**

**\$ 110,171.92**

## Bills Report May Meeting/April Bills

Vendor #	Vendor Name	Object	PL Project	Activity	Subcategory	Invoice Date	Invoice	Amount	Line Description
102780	Rothur Estate Landscaping Inc	52120	RCD2023004	POLIMPLEM	Implement	4/20/2026	INV-141	\$6,000.00	BrownsValley School site prep
999991	California State Parks Foundation/Adopt-a-Beach	52900	RCD2020036	Trash	CmtyEngage	4/10/2026	4/22/2026	\$230.00	CoastalCleanup Conf. lodging
4067	US Bank	21105	RCD	Admin	RCD	4/22/2026	04.26CALCARD	\$16,853.76	CalCard Credit Card April 2026
101804	Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP	52140	RCD2021036	Planning	Planning	3/24/2026	296147	\$1,060.30	Prescribe burn waiver review
102357	TOPO Collective	52490	RCD2021036	Admin	ProjAdmin	4/17/2026	904	\$1,725.00	Communication Materials Design
102357	TOPO Collective	52490	RCD2024023	4 CMTY	CmtyEngage	4/17/2026	904	\$218.75	Communication Materials Design
102357	TOPO Collective	52490	RCD2025020	Elementary	YouthEd	4/17/2026	904	\$1,937.50	Communication Materials Design
101469	Gallagher Benefit Services	52100	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	4/22/2026	INV2536608	\$2,500.00	HR Support Services April 2026
101980	Anchor Engineering	52490	RCD2024017	3 SULPHUR	Implement	4/1/2026	24-009-5176	\$1,357.00	Sulphur Creek CM Svc Mar 26
102380	Sustainable St. Helena	52490	RCD2024013	Implement	Implement	4/23/2026	2026-0909	\$2,495.34	StHelena CommForest tree plant
40989	Kaos Sheep Outfit	52490	RCD2023023	GRAZING	Planning	4/14/2026	46126	\$5,000.00	Grazing workshop - spanish
32576	Prunuske Chatham, Inc	52490	RCD2024017	1 PICKLE	Planning	3/9/2026	2026132	\$25,035.25	Fish Passage Design Mar 2026
32576	Prunuske Chatham, Inc	52490	RCD2024017	2 SODA	Planning	3/9/2026	2026132	\$1,899.25	Fish Passage Design Mar 2026
101469	Gallagher Benefit Services	52100	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	4/29/2026	INV2536980	\$2,736.25	HR Support Services April 2026
100520	Canon Financial Services, Inc.	52600	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	4/30/2026	43126456	\$107.66	Color Copier 4/20 - 5/19/26
41489	Amy Stork Consulting LLC	52490	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	4/28/2026	4	\$2,430.00	Org change mgnt Consulting
102781	Gina Bartlett	52490	RCD2025017	Coordinate	CmtyEngage	4/30/2026	1065	\$1,258.75	Watershed group consulting
102781	Gina Bartlett	52490	RCD2021036	Admin	ProjAdmin	4/30/2026	1063	\$9,081.54	ICC faci/conflict res training
35310	Theodore L. Edwards, LLC.	52605	RCD	ADMIN	RCD	5/15/2026	June 2026 TE	\$6,184.00	Office Lease 1303 Jeff June 26
22871	Environmental Science Associates	52490	RCD2021036	ADMIN	ProjAdmin	4/30/2026	218564	\$8,149.44	RPP Prof Svcs March 2026
22871	Environmental Science Associates	52490	RCD2026003	BFPlatform	Planning	4/30/2026	218564	\$9,549.18	RPP Prof Svcs March 2026
102710	California Trout	52490	RCD2024017	3 SULPHUR	Implement	3/31/2026	4070-2	\$4,362.95	SulphurCrk Brdg Demo Document
								\$110,171.92	

# NAPA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Draft Annual Budget — Fiscal Year 2026-27

For consideration at the District's May 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

REVENUES				
Description	Account <sup>1</sup>	FY2027 Draft Budget <sup>2</sup>	FY2026 Adopted Budget <sup>3</sup>	FY2026 Projected Actuals <sup>4</sup>
<b>TAXES AND INTEREST</b>				
1 Property Tax	41100	\$ 520,426	\$ 495,643	\$ 530,000
Interest	45100	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 63,416
Dividends / Rebates	45200	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,025
<b>TOTAL TAXES AND INTEREST</b>		<b>\$ 542,426</b>	<b>\$ 515,643</b>	<b>\$ 595,441</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES</b>				
2 State: Agriculture	43300	\$ 168,700	\$ 464,273	\$ 672,138
3 State: Coastal Conservancy	43410	\$ 207,250	\$ 125,200	\$ 16,928
4 State: Dept. of Conservation	43420	\$ 728,572	\$ 3,063,200	\$ 547,371
5 State: Other	43790	\$ 972,388	\$ 883,923	\$ 373,660
6 Federal: Other	43890	\$ 1,825,850	\$ 3,738,628	\$ 4,547,741
7 County of Napa	43910	\$ 635,361	\$ 551,313	\$ 487,620
8 Napa County Flood Control District	43915	\$ 233,080	\$ 213,200	\$ 161,429
9 Other Governmental Agencies	43950	\$ 1,134,429	\$ 152,567	\$ 119,798
<b>TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>		<b>\$ 5,905,630</b>	<b>\$ 9,192,304</b>	<b>\$ 6,926,685</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>				
10 Charges for Services	46800	\$ 501,895	\$ 466,350	\$ 330,550
11 Other Grants	47150	\$ 367,600	\$ 30,000	\$ 17,333
12 Donations/Contributions	47500	\$ 193,500	\$ 257,000	\$ 155,781
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 1,062,995</b>	<b>\$ 753,350</b>	<b>\$ 503,664</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ 7,511,051</b>	<b>\$ 10,461,297</b>	<b>\$ 8,025,789</b>

EXPENSES				
Description	Account <sup>1</sup>	FY2027 Draft Budget <sup>2</sup>	FY2026 Adopted Budget <sup>3</sup>	FY2026 Projected Actuals <sup>4</sup>
<b>1 SALARIES &amp; EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
Salaries and wages	51100	\$ 2,155,722	\$ 1,940,771	\$ 1,823,760
Extra help	51110	\$ -		\$ -
Cell Phone Allowance	51205	\$ 6,840	\$ 6,840	\$ 5,837
Medicare	51300	\$ 31,258	\$ 30,000	\$ 26,153
Employee Insurance: Medical	51400	\$ 246,000	\$ 223,250	\$ 213,322
Workers Compensation	51405	\$ 20,038	\$ 17,200	\$ 18,305
Unemployment Comp: Insurance	51410	\$ 5,320	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,008
Retirement	51600	\$ 297,000	\$ 255,000	\$ 247,013

<b>TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS</b>			\$ 2,762,178	\$ 2,475,561	\$ 2,339,398
<b>SERVICES</b>					
2	Administration Services	52100	\$ 53,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 112,121
	Property Tax/Assessment Admin	52115	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
	Agricultural Services	52120	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
3	Accounting/Auditing Services	52125	\$ 63,500	\$ 74,000	\$ 36,907
4	IT Services	52130	\$ 87,000	\$ 70,900	\$ 67,400
5	Legal Services	52140	\$ 27,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 27,422
	Lobbyist Services	52160	\$ 500	\$ 10,000	\$ 450
6	Construction Services	52360	\$ 25,000	\$ -	
7	Other Professional Services	52490	\$ 3,399,215	\$ 4,369,713	\$ 4,487,392
	Maintenance: Vehicles	52520	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,215
	Rents and Leases: Equipment	52600	\$ 5,800	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,688
8	Rents and Leases: Buildings/Land	52605	\$ 113,422	\$ 85,000	\$ 82,904
9	Insurance: Premiums	52705	\$ 57,382	\$ 56,000	\$ 41,266
	Communications/Telephone	52800	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,225
	Advertising/Marketing	52810	\$ 2,050	\$ 21,000	\$ 1,373
	Printing & Binding	52820	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,600	\$ 5,025
	Publications & Legal Notices	52830	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 222
	Filing Fees	52835	\$ 500	\$ 5,215	\$ 236
	Permits/License Fees	52840	\$ 16,125	\$ -	\$ 21,206
10	Training/Conference Expenses	52900	\$ 52,500	\$ 49,500	\$ 19,245
	Business Travel/Mileage	52905	\$ 24,123	\$ 23,970	\$ 4,613
<b>TOTAL SERVICES</b>			\$ 3,956,117	\$ 4,913,398	\$ 4,920,910
<b>SUPPLIES &amp; OTHER</b>					
	Office Supplies	53100	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 14,608
	Office Supplies: Furniture/Fixtures	53105	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,676
	Freight/Postage	53110	\$ 1,000	\$ 900	\$ 117
	Books/Media/Subscriptions	53115	\$ 800	\$ 500	\$ 450
11	Memberships/Certifications	53120	\$ 18,000	\$ 15,705	\$ 17,591
	Fuel	53250	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,261
12	Clothing and Personal Supplies	53300	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,700	\$ 1,328
	Safety Supplies	53320	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 246
	Landscaping/Agriculture Supplies	53325	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 2,829
	Construction Supplies/Materials	53345	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 138,513
	Minor Equipment/Small Tools	53400	\$ 9,500	\$ 88,075	\$ 11,676
	Computer: Equipment/Accessories	53410	\$ 10,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,725
	Computer: Software/Licensing Fees	53415	\$ 29,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 19,320
	Special Department Expense	53600	\$ 71,752	\$ -	\$ -
	Business Related Meals/Supplies	53650	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 3,672
	Taxes and Assessments	54500	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 13
	Depreciation Expense	54600	\$ -	\$ 15,000	

<b>13</b>	Contributions (Public Agencies)	54800	\$ 125,000	\$ 2,326,068	\$ 177,811
<b>14</b>	Community Grants (Non-Profits)	54805	\$ 100,600	\$ 578,400	\$ 19,145
	Buildings and Improvements	55300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>15</b>	Equipment	55400	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIES &amp; OTHER</b>			<b>\$ 466,272</b>	<b>\$ 3,133,748</b>	<b>\$ 422,979</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$ 7,184,567</b>	<b>\$ 10,522,707</b>	<b>\$ 7,683,287</b>

	FY2027 Draft Budget <sup>2</sup>	FY2026 Adopted Budget <sup>3</sup>	FY2026 Projected Actuals <sup>4</sup>
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ 7,511,051</b>	<b>\$ 10,461,297</b>	<b>\$ 8,025,789</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 7,184,567</b>	<b>\$ 10,522,707</b>	<b>\$ 7,683,287</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 326,484</b>	<b>\$ (61,410)</b>	<b>\$ 342,503</b>

<sup>1</sup> The Chart of Accounts used for budgeting is established by Napa County. The District is required to use Napa County's specific revenue and expense categories ("accounts") to organize and manage its annual budgets.

<sup>2</sup> The Draft FY2026-27 Budget is the proposed budget under consideration for adoption by the Board of Directors, encompassing anticipated revenues and expenses from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

<sup>3</sup> The Adopted FY2025-26 Budget is the District's current annual budget, adopted by the Board of Directors for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. No budget amendments have been made to date.

<sup>4</sup> The FY2025-26 Projected Actuals represent the District's best current estimate of actual revenues and expenses for the current fiscal year. Note that the Projected Actuals do not include a large advance payment administered through the California Department of Conservation's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program to neighboring organizations, resulting in a reduction of over \$2 million on both the revenue and expense sides relative to the FY2025-26 Adopted Budget, which did include this advance.

## Financial Snapshot

The Draft FY2026-27 Budget projects total revenues of \$7,511,051 and total expenses of \$7,184,567, resulting in a projected addition to fund balance of \$326,484. This represents a responsible budget that maintains the District's financial stability while supporting a robust program of work.

Projected revenues by major category are as follows:

- Taxes and Interest: \$542,426 (7% of total revenues)
- Intergovernmental Revenues: \$5,905,630 (79% of total revenues)
- Other Revenues: \$1,062,995 (14% of total revenues)

Projected expenses by major category are as follows:

- Salaries and Employee Benefits: \$2,762,178 (38% of total expenses)
- Services: \$3,956,117 (55% of total expenses)
- Supplies and Other: \$466,272 (7% of total expenses)

The draft budget reflects a significant reduction in total revenues and expenses compared to the FY2025-26 Adopted Budget (\$10,461,297 and \$10,522,707 respectively). The primary driver of this reduction is a change in how the California Department of Conservation's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program is administered. In FY2025-26, the District received and passed through a large advance payment to neighboring county organizations, which was reflected on both the revenue and expense sides of the budget. That advance mechanism is not anticipated to recur in FY2026-27, resulting in a significant reduction on both sides. Two additional factors contributed to the year-over-year reduction: the District is completing the grant terms for several important awards this fiscal year, including the CDFA Conservation Agriculture Planning Grants Program (CAPGP), which will not carry forward into FY2026-27; and federal revenues and expenses in FY2025-26 were significantly influenced by major construction costs associated with the Sulphur Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project, costs that were unique to that year and will not recur.

## Budget Overview and Key Assumptions

The revenue projections in this budget reflect a combination of executed contracts, approved grants not yet under contract, and pending grant applications with a high likelihood of funding. While it is unlikely that all outstanding applications will be awarded, additional proposals are expected to be submitted during the fiscal year. The budget will likely be amended as funding levels are confirmed or updated.

Estimated revenue by source is as follows: state funding is projected to account for 29% of total revenues, federal funding 25%, local and regional governmental sources 23%, and all other sources 22%. Of intergovernmental funding, approximately 57% supports stream and habitat restoration

and watershed sustainability, 28% forest health and wildfire resilience, 8% agriculture-related initiatives, and 7% urban sustainability efforts including urban forestry. Community education and engagement activities are integrated across all program areas. This distribution reflects a significant increase in on-the-ground restoration work focused on streams, wetlands, and riparian areas relative to previous years, driven in large part by the fish passage barrier remediation program and the Huichica Creek and Suscol Creek riparian and salt marsh restoration projects.

Federal funding is primarily driven by three major awards: a NOAA grant supporting the Napa River Watershed Fish Passage Restoration Program, a U.S. Forest Service grant for urban and community forestry projects, and a National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Technical Assistance grant funded through USDA-NRCS. None of the District's federal awards are currently frozen or canceled; however, the District is approaching additional federal funding opportunities cautiously given the current national funding environment. State funding remains a strong and diverse revenue base, supported by active relationships with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the California Department of Conservation, CAL FIRE, the Wildlife Conservation Board, the State Coastal Conservancy, and the California Air Resources Board. While state budgetary pressures warrant ongoing monitoring, the District's state-funded portfolio reflects a healthy mix of active contracts and promising pending awards across its core program areas. Agreements with local governments remain key sources of support for community-based conservation work, including the Joint Powers Agreement with Napa County, a contract with the Flood Control District, and contracts with the cities of Napa and St. Helena. Donations and foundation grants are budgeted conservatively, reflecting the District's ongoing efforts to test and refine approaches to donor engagement and philanthropic outreach. Fee-for-service revenue is similarly budgeted at a modest level, though donations, foundation grants, and fee-for-service opportunities together represent prime targets for funding diversification in the coming year.

Approximately 78% of all expenses are expected to be directly billable to projects. Several key trends are shaping the expense profile for the fiscal year:

- **Inflationary Pressures:** The budget reflects significantly higher estimates across a range of expense categories in response to continued inflationary pressures, including fuel, computer equipment, and project materials. While the full extent of these impacts is difficult to predict, the budget has been conservatively adjusted to account for anticipated cost increases.
- **Staffing:** The District is currently down two staff positions. While the budget includes capacity for additional hiring, the appropriate staffing level and skill mix requires further analysis. This process will include exploring how to best deploy existing internal talent in new or expanded ways.
- **Consulting Services:** There remains significant demand for project-specific consulting services, particularly for specialized work the District cannot fully maintain in-house. Key areas include restoration and forest management planning, engineering and environmental compliance, Regional Priority Plan development and supporting platform, and vegetation management. As the District continues to lead more on-the-ground restoration, monitoring,

and stewardship work directly, specialized and licensed consultants will remain an important complement to in-house capacity.

- **Pass-Through Funding:** The District will continue to administer increased pass-through funding to public agency and nonprofit partners, particularly for regional forestry and agriculture programming in counties beyond the District's primary service area.
- **Organizational Development and Infrastructure:** The budget reflects continued investment in organizational development priorities aimed at strengthening internal systems and long-term capacity. This includes a light remodel of Suite 100B to better accommodate additional staff and interns, an additional vehicle to support expanded field operations, and the evaluation and implementation of new financial and project management systems.

## Revenue and Expense Notes

### Revenues

- 1 Property Tax:** Assumes a 5% increase in property tax revenue over the FY2026 amount.
- 2 California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA):** Includes five grant agreements: three currently under contract and active, and two pending award with strong probability of funding. The two largest are a CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA) grant and a CDFA Weed Management Area (WMA) grant. CDFA funding supports the District's agricultural technical assistance, planning, assessment, outreach, and education programming, including irrigation efficiency and soil health initiatives.
- 3 State Coastal Conservancy (SCC):** Includes one award administered regionally through the Humboldt RCD, which passes through funding to the District to support forest health and wildfire resilience activities in Napa County. Funded activities include vegetation management at Westwood Hills Park and capacity-building for the Napa Prescribed Burn Association.
- 4 California Department of Conservation (DOC):** Funding consists primarily of a Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program block grant serving Napa, Lake, Solano, Sonoma, Yolo, and Colusa Counties. The majority of this year's funding will support development of the Regional Priority Plan, in addition to funding for the Napa Prescribed Burn Association, technical assistance, and project planning. Also included is a smaller DOC award supporting the District's contribution to a webinar series on RCD and Land Trust partnerships to implement nature-based solutions for land conservation across California.
- 5 Other State Agencies:** Includes seven agreements across three state funding sources: four from CAL FIRE, two from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), and one from the California Air Resources Board (CARB). WCB funding represents the majority of this category (62%), supporting the District's fish passage barrier remediation program. CAL FIRE funding accounts for 18% of the category, much of which supports the North Bay Forest Improvement Program and the City of Napa Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The remaining balance reflects the CARB agreement.

**6 Federal Agencies:** Includes eight agreements across multiple federal funding sources. Six of the eight agreements are currently under contract and active; the two NACD grants are pending award. Approximately 65% of federal revenue is anticipated from a NOAA grant supporting the District's fish passage barrier remediation program. The remaining federal revenue is spread across four additional sources, together accounting for nearly 34% of the total:

- US Forest Service: Urban and community forestry project agreement
- USDA-NRCS (via Lake RCD and Solano RCD): Technical assistance funding through two National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) grants supporting the District's forestry and agriculture programs (pending award)
- Bureau of Reclamation: WaterSmart grant supporting watershed group formation
- USDA Farm Service Agency: Technical assistance for the Emergency Forest Restoration Program, administered through an agreement with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)

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**7 County of Napa:** Includes one Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Napa County supporting long-term natural resource management and protection across a broad range of program areas, including groundwater sustainability and watershed health, environmental monitoring, natural resource inventory and assessment, erosion control, forest health, public outreach and education, and data management.

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**8 Napa County Flood Control District:** Includes one contract supporting hydrologic monitoring and water quality services, including maintenance of the Regional Rainfall and Stream Monitoring System, stream gauging, hydrologic monitoring and modeling, and support for the Napa Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program.

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**9 Other Governmental Agencies:** Includes eight contracts across six governmental agency partners. The dominant funding source is the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA), accounting for 81% of category revenue and supporting restoration planning and permitting at Huichica Creek. The City of Napa represents approximately 10% of category revenue through three agreements:

- City of Napa Water Division: Water conservation initiatives
- City of Napa Parks & Recreation Department: Urban forestry and related conservation efforts
- City of Napa: Climate action and education initiatives

The remaining contracts account for approximately 9% of category revenue and include agreements with the City of St. Helena, the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), the Napa Valley Transit Authority, and the North Bay Watershed Association.

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**10 Charges for Services:** The majority of revenue in this category (91%) comes from a mitigation funding agreement supporting the Huichica Creek Riparian and Salt Marsh Restoration Project. The remaining 9% reflects a mix of fee-for-service agreements, including maintenance support for the Carneros and Huichica stream gauges, technical assistance to the Land Trust of Napa County, and compliance services to the Napa Farm Bureau related to vineyard Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR).

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- 11 Other Grants:** Includes six grant sources, three of which are currently under contract and active and three of which are pending. Two of the three active agreements together account for 74% of category revenue and are both with Blue Forest, supporting development of a Napa County-focused prioritization platform to help project planners and implementers identify where forest and ecosystem restoration projects will best meet conservation priorities. The remaining four grant sources represent foundation funders that have historically supported the District's work, three of which are pending award.
- 12 Donations and Contributions:** Includes revenue from individual donations, event contributions, and GiveGuide participation. The District has set a donor engagement goal of \$150,000 for the fiscal year.

## Expenses

- 1 Salaries and Employee Benefits:** Reflects compensation and benefits for the District's current 16 staff, with capacity for additional staffing growth during the fiscal year. The appropriate level of growth remains under analysis and will be evaluated as the year progresses. The salary schedule includes a 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment based on the 12-month SF Bay Area Consumer Price Index (CPI). The District is maintaining its current Kaiser medical plan and Principal dental, life, and long-term disability (LTD) plans, administered through Arrow Benefits, as well as its CalPERS pension obligation.
- 2 Administration Services:** Includes consultant support for recruitment and on-call human resources (HR) services.
- 3 Accounting and Auditing Services:** Includes fees for Napa County Auditor-Controller Office support, annual and federal audits, and on-call accounting services. Also includes consultant support for developing an indirect cost rate (ICR) proposal and budget forecasting.
- 4 IT Services:** Approximately 80% of budgeted IT expenses reflect ongoing services provided by two vendors: Napa County ITS, which operates the District's financial and payroll systems, and EndSight, a third-party provider of network and business computer support services. The remaining IT expenses primarily reflect consultant costs to support the evaluation and implementation of new financial and project management system(s).
- 5 Legal Services:** Covers legal services provided by County Counsel or outside legal counsel as needed. Costs are anticipated to be lower than in recent years, reflecting a reduced need to navigate complex legal aspects of large grant agreements, subcontracts, and bidding processes.
- 6 Construction Services:** The District plans to undertake a light remodel of Suite 100B with the goals of accommodating up to three additional workspaces, achieving fire code compliance through the addition of a secondary suite exit, and enhancing the kitchen area. Total remodel costs are distributed across multiple expense categories and are anticipated to total \$65,000.
- 7 Other Professional Services:** Approximately 3% of budgeted costs in this category are non-billable to projects and cover communications, graphic design, website improvements, interior design, and other specialized services. The remaining 97% supports project-specific professional services, with the largest expenditures attributed to fish passage barrier remediation engineering and environmental compliance, Huichica Creek and Suscol Creek restoration planning and permitting, forest management planning and environmental compliance, Regional Priority Plan development including a supporting platform, and vegetation management.

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- 8 Rents and Leases:** Includes the District's office space at 1303 Jefferson Street (Suites 100B, 110B, and 700B) and a storage unit. Also includes event space rental for the Watershed Symposium and other educational events.
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- 9 Insurance Premiums:** Coverage is provided through the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA). Premiums have increased over time reflecting both staffing growth and broader inflationary pressures.
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- 10 Training and Conference Expenses:** Training costs are funded through a combination of District general funds and grant sources. Budgeted activities include individual staff professional development as identified through the annual goal-setting process, participation in the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) Annual Conference, a leadership development program, and targeted all-staff trainings addressing critical organizational needs.
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- 11 Memberships and Certifications:** Includes annual membership dues for professional and industry associations, including the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD), National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), California Special Districts Association (CSDA), American Fisheries Society, Napa Valley Grapegrowers, and Napa County Farm Bureau. Also includes professional licensing and certification costs for applicable staff, such as Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) and Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) credentials.
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- 12 Clothing and Personal Supplies:** Includes a \$300 per-staff allowance for work-related clothing and footwear, as well as a budget for District-branded apparel such as hats and shirts.
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- 13 Contributions (Public Agencies):** Includes subcontracts with partner Resource Conservation Districts - Colusa, Lake, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo RCDs - to deliver Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program block grant activities in their respective counties. Also includes subcontracts with Sonoma, Dixon, Lake, and Solano RCDs for irrigation efficiency services under the CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA) grant.
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- 14 Community Grants (Non-Profits):** Includes subcontracts with nonprofit organizations supporting the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program block grant. Also includes small awards to local nonprofit partners assisting with District projects, as well as educational awards for Teen Conservation Interns, teacher stipends, and youth scholarships.
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- 15 Equipment:** Includes the purchase of one used vehicle to support increased field operations. Vehicle demand has grown significantly in recent years as field work has expanded across the District's programs.
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## Cash Flow Report

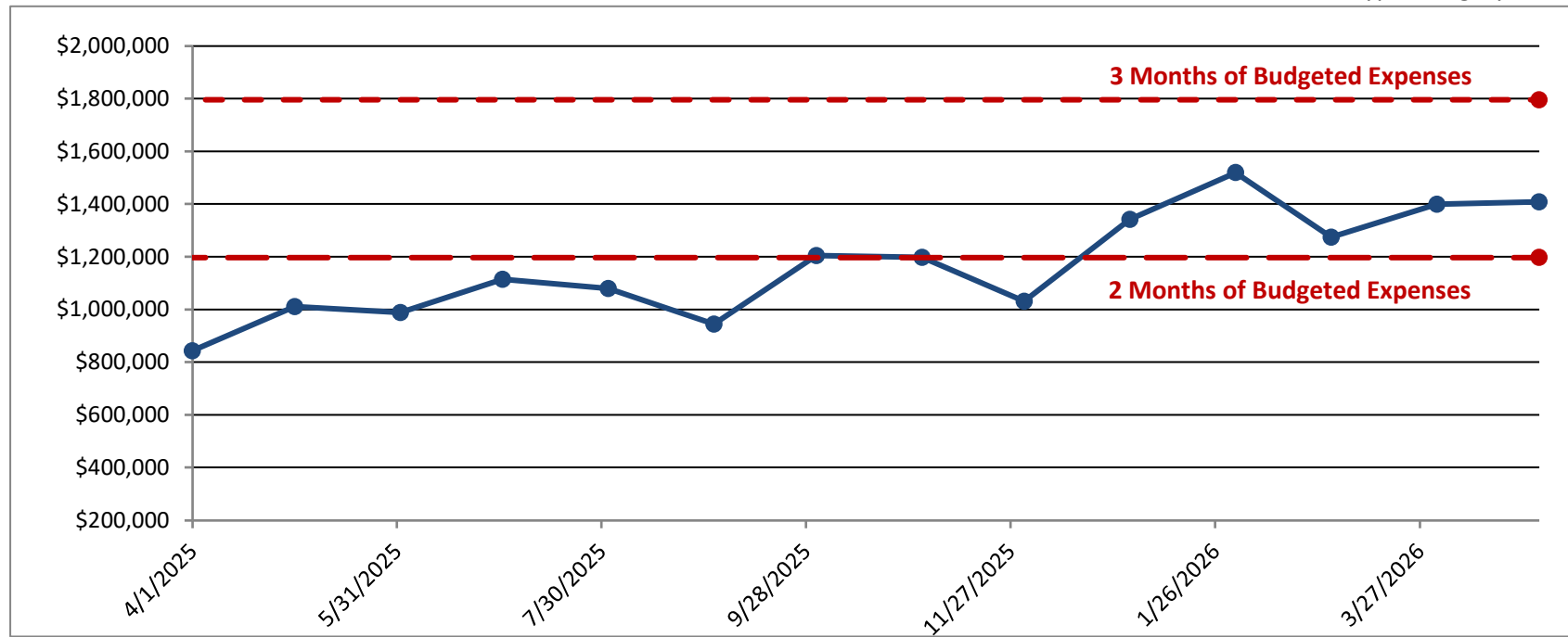
## Napa County Resource Conservation District

	As Of:	Amount:
<b>Assets, Estimated</b>		<b>\$ 2,137,000.51</b>
Cash Available	5/1/2026	\$ 1,840,672.11
Accounts Receivable	5/1/2026	\$ 296,328.40
<b>Liabilities, Estimated</b>		<b>\$ 1,056,634.98</b>
Payroll ending	5/8/2026	\$ 65,113.98
Accrued Vacation	5/5/2026	\$ 67,277.58
Accrued Sick	5/5/2026	\$ 69,562.94
Current Batch (estimated)	5/1/2026	\$ 184,360.56
Deferred Revenue (earmarked)	5/1/2026	\$ 670,319.92
<b>Net Cash Available *</b>		<b>\$ 1,080,365.53</b>

Deferred Revenue, Details		
Source **	Amount	Received
Clover Flat Mitigation	\$ 670,319.92	8/28/2025

\* Includes accounts receivable and current liabilities

\*\* All sources are in the Other Grants fund type category



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\$	9,648,078	Funded *	* Only to NCRCD, excluding pass-through
\$	9,468,633	Not Funded *	
\$	7,431,034	Pending *	

Status		Grant Source		Project Details				Budget		
Status	Date Submitted	Grant Program	Funding Source	Project Title	Applicant	NCRCD Role	Grant Term	NCRCD Total	Pass-Through	GRANT Total
Funded	10/5/2022	Conservation Technical Assistance: Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) Cooperative Agreements	Federal - USDA NRCS	Increasing Access to Climate-Smart Technical Assistance for Grazing Lands Through the North Coast Soil Hub	Gold Ridge RCD	Subcontractor	4/6/2023 - 11/30/2024	\$33,385	\$0	\$299,894
Funded	10/23/2022	Conservation Agriculture Planning Grants Program	State - Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)	Napa RCD will develop Pollinator Habitat and Carbon Farm Plans	Napa RCD	Applicant	6/15/2023 - 6/14/2025	\$247,100	\$0	\$247,100
Funded	11/1/2022	Research & Education Program	Federal - Western SARE	Sustainability Outcomes of Integrated Sheep-Vineyard Systems (ISVS)	UC Davis	Subcontractor	4/1/2023 - 3/31/2026	\$18,046	\$0	\$347,696
Not Funded	11/22/2022	Post-Fire Disaster Recovery Funding Grant Program	Federal - US Forest Service (through CARCD)	Post-Fire Disaster Recovery: Glass and LNU Lightning Complex Fires	Napa RCD	Applicant		\$141,000		\$141,000
Not Funded	12/16/2022	Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program's SGMA Implementation Round 2	State - Department of Water Resources (DWR)	Napa Valley Subbasin GSP Implementation	County of Napa GSA	Subcontractor	10/2023 - 4/2026	\$1,051,000	\$5,000	\$8,831,880
Funded	1/13/2023	General Fund	State - Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)	Climate Resilience Through Habitat Restoration on California Lands	CARCD	Subcontractor	2/28/2027	\$325,999	\$0	\$19,413,000
Funded	2/3/2023	Napa Valley Vintners Healthy Community Fund	Other Funder - Foundation	Fire Road Fuel Breaks & Forest Health in Napa County	Napa RCD & Napa Communities Firewise Foundation	Coapplicant	3/9/2023 - 4/30/2025	\$550,000	\$0	\$550,000
Funded	2/8/2023	JLD Ag Fund	Other Funder - Foundation	Habitat Enhancement on Napa County Farms	Napa RCD	Applicant	3/30/2023 - 3/30/2026	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
Funded	2/9/2023	Anonymous Foundation	Other Funder - Foundation	General Support for Napa RCD	Napa RCD	Applicant	2/1/2023 - 1/31/2024	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Funded	3/15/2023	FY 2022-2023 Wildfire Prevention	State - CAL FIRE	Napa City Community Wildfire Protection and Capacity Planning	Napa RCD	Applicant	3/15/2029	\$58,280	\$191,000	\$249,280
Funded	3/15/2023	FY 2022-2023 Forest Health	State - CAL FIRE	Napa Veterans Home Lighthouse for the Blind - Wildfire Resiliency Project	Napa Communities Firewise Foundation	Subcontractor		\$155,250	\$0	
Not Funded	3/15/2023	FY 2022-2023 Wildfire Prevention	State - CAL FIRE	Reducing Hazardous Fuels along Sonoma/Lake/Napa Critical Borders	Napa Communities Firewise Foundation	Subcontractor		\$200,000	\$0	
Not Funded	3/15/2023	FY 2022-2023 Wildfire Prevention	State - CAL FIRE	Building Napa's Wildfire Resiliency	Napa Communities Firewise Foundation	Subcontractor		\$347,000	\$0	
Funded	3/15/2023	FY 2022-2023 Workforce Development	State - CAL FIRE	RCD Workforce Development Project	CARCD	Subcontractor		\$33,447	\$0	
Funded	3/27/2023	Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program	State - Department of Conservation	Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Block Grant: Inner Coast Collaborative (Additional Funding Allocation)	Napa RCD	Applicant	11/15/2021 - 12/31/2027	\$2,535,520	\$5,930,480	\$8,466,000
Not Funded	3/30/2023	Adaptation Planning Grant Program Round 1	State - Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program	Napa County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan	County of Napa & Napa RCD	Coapplicant	8/1/2023 - 1/31/2026	\$204,500	\$50,000	\$595,827
Funded	4/5/2023	UC California Climate Action Seed Grants Program	State - University of California Office of Research & Innovation	Resilient and Equitable Urban Stream Corridors	UC Davis	Subcontractor	8/1/2023 - 7/31/2025	\$149,963	\$6,000	\$2,000,000
Funded	4/5/2023	UC California Climate Action Seed Grants Program	State - University of California Office of Research & Innovation	Demonstration Network and Metrics for Accelerating Adoption of Climate Smart Farming Practices	UC ANR	Subcontractor	8/1/2023 - 7/31/2025	\$36,676	\$0	\$2,000,000
Funded	6/1/2023	Inflation Reduction Act - Urban and Community Forestry funding opportunity	Federal - US Forest Service	Our Napa Forests: Growing an Equitable Tree Canopy Through Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration	Napa RCD	Applicant	5 years	\$1,560,761	\$0	\$1,560,761
Funded	6/6/2023	Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Program (WETA)	State - Department of Food and Agriculture	Enhancing water use efficiency in Napa, Solano, Lake, and Sonoma Counties	Napa RCD	Applicant	3 years	\$212,281	\$287,719	\$500,000
Funded	6/15/2023	Healthy Soils Block Grant	State - Department of Food and Agriculture	Zero Foodprint led proposal to administer HSP grants	Zero Foodprint	Subcontractor		\$170,000	\$160,000	\$5,000,000
Not Funded	6/30/2023	Better Together Nature Positive Innovation Grant Program	Other Funder - PG&E Corporation Foundation	Our Napa Forests: Growing an Equitable Tree Canopy Through Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration	Napa RCD	Applicant	1 year	\$61,200	\$38,800	\$100,000
Funded	7/14/2023	Annual Grant	Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission	Kids for Monarchs	Napa RCD	Applicant	1 year	\$5,500		\$5,500
Not Funded	7/28/2023	Climate Resiliency Grant Program	State - Coastal Conservancy	Sulphur Creek Fish Passage Restoration - Implementation	Napa RCD	Applicant	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2028	\$199,410	\$2,046,484	\$2,245,894
Funded	8/3/2023	Technical Assistance (TA) Grants	Federal - USDA NRCS (through NACD)	Napa, Solano, Yolo Counties Expanding TA and Outreach Programs	Solano RCD	Subcontractor	1 year	\$26,825	-	\$101,825
Not Funded	8/3/2023	California Watershed Protection Fund	Other Funder - Rose Foundation	Napa County Stream Watch	Napa RCD	Applicant	1 year	\$34,500	\$0	\$34,500
Funded	8/6/2023	Technical Assistance (TA) Grants	Federal - USDA NRCS (through NACD)	Forestry & Agricultural Technical Assistance Support	Lake RCD	Subcontractor	1 year	\$131,210		\$500,000

Funded	8/23/2023	Gasser Foundation grants	Other Funder - Gasser Foundation	Napa County Stream Watch	Napa RCD	Applicant	1 year	\$15,000		\$15,000
Not Funded	8/29/2023	Regional Resilience Implementation Grant Funds	State - Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program	North Bay Rainwater Catchment for Drought Resilience	Gold Ridge RCD	Subcontractor		\$50,000		\$1,300,000
Funded	10/16/2023	Barrier Removal Grants	Federal - NOAA Fisheries	Napa River Watershed Fish Passage Restoration Program	Napa RCD	Applicant	1/1/2024 - 3/1/2027	\$458,500	\$5,701,500	\$6,160,000
Not Funded	October	Urban Agriculture Grant Program	State - Department of Food and Agriculture	RCDs Support Urban Ag	CARCD	Subcontractor	2 years	\$20,967	\$25,000	\$600,000
Funded	1/16/2024	CARB Planning and Capacity Bldg Grant Program	State - Air Resources Board	City of Napa Electric Vehicle and Ebike Charging Plan	City of Napa	Subcontractor	2 years	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$400,000
Not Funded	1/26/2024	USDA Forest Service Forest Health Protection	Federal - US Forest Service	Sudden Oak Death Monitoring and Education in Napa County	Napa RCD	Applicant	2 years	\$64,781		\$64,781
Not Funded	2/15/2024	Reforest'Action	Other Funder - Reforest'Action	Napa Valley Community Forest	Napa RCD	Applicant	1 year	\$242,500		\$242,500
Funded	2/29/2024	Wildfire Resilience Block Grant	State - CAL FIRE	North Bay Forest Improvement Program	North Coast Resource Conservation & Development Counsel (dba Conservation Works)	Subcontractor	3 years	\$133,000		\$3,442,800
Funded	4/1/2024	State Coastal Conservancy Block Grant	State - Coastal Conservancy	North Coast Wildfire Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program	Humboldt RCD	Subcontractor	5 years	\$500,000		\$6,000,000
Not Funded	4/1/2024	CA-04 Community Funding Projects Appropriation	Federal	Increasing Wildfire Resilience and Forest Health in Napa County's Wildland Urban Interface	Napa RCD	Applicant	3 years	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
Not Funded	4/1/2024	CA-04 Community Funding Projects Appropriation	Federal	Our Napa Forests: Growing Equitable Tree Canopy Through Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration	Napa RCD	Applicant	3 years	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Funded	8/26/2024	Annual Grant program	Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission	Monarch Education	Napa RCD	Applicant	1 year	\$10,500		\$10,500
Funded	8/22/2024	Block Grant program	State - Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)	Planning: Napa River Watershed Fish Passage Restoration Program	Napa RCD	Applicant	5/1/2024 - 3/1/2027	\$899,639		\$899,639
Funded	9/3/2024	WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I for FY2023-2024	Federal - Bureau of Reclamation	Developing a New Watershed Group in the Napa River Watershed of California	Napa RCD	Applicant	3 years	\$300,000		\$300,000
Funded	10/4/2024	Measure AA	Regional: SF Bay Restoration Authority	Huichica Creek Riparian and Salt Marsh Restoration Project	Napa RCD	Applicant	6/1/2025 - 7/1/2027	\$332,700	\$667,300	\$1,000,000
Funded	1/12/2025	Mitigation Settlement	State - SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board	Huichica Creek Riparian and Salt Marsh Restoration Project	Napa RCD	Applicant	4/1/2025 - 7/1/2027	\$332,700	\$621,300	\$954,000
Not Funded	1/15/2025	Forest Health Program FY 2024-2025	State - CAL FIRE	Public-Private Partnerships to Improve Forest Health and Resilience in Napa and Lake Counties	Napa RCD	Applicant	7/1/2025 - 3/31/2030	\$2,921,901	\$1,056,415	\$3,978,316
Not Funded	1/16/2025	Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP)	State - SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board	Huichica Creek Invasive Plant Removal and Vegetation Management	Napa RCD	Applicant	3/1/2025 - 4/1/2026	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000
Not Funded	1/16/2025	Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP)	State - SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board	Carneros Creek Fish Passage Barrier Removal Project	Napa RCD	Applicant		\$98,000	\$0	\$98,000
Funded	2/27/2025	Lewis Cellars Community Grant	Other Funder - Resnick Foundation	Napa County Environmental Education Programs	Napa RCD	Applicant	6/1/2025-5/31/2026	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Funded	2/28/2025	2025 Weed Management Area	State - CA Dept of Food and Agriculture	Napa County Weed Management Area	Napa RCD	Applicant	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2028	\$118,298	\$0	\$118,298
Funded		Anonymous Foundation	Other Funder - Foundation	General Support for Napa RCD	Napa RCD	Applicant	None	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
Funded		Anonymous Foundation	Other Funder - Foundation	North Coast Soil Hub Capacity Building	Napa RCD	Applicant	None	\$1,800	\$13,200	\$15,000
Funded		Anonymous Foundation	Other Funder - Foundation	Instrumentl License Support	Napa RCD	Applicant	6/18/25-6/30/2027	\$4,850	\$0	\$4,850
Funded	5/1/2025	North Bay Watershed Association Small Grant Program	Other Funder - Government Agencies	North Bay RCD Youth Watershed Education Collaborative	Napa RCD	Applicant	9/01/2025-9/01/2026	\$13,500	\$0	\$13,500
Funded	7/3/2025	Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	State - Strategic Growth Council	The Bay Area Agricultural Resiliency Collaborative Planning Project	Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission	Subcontractor				
Not Funded	7/8/2025	2025 Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	Pollinator Pathways, Rooted in Resilience: Creating Climate-Resilient Monarch Breeding Habitat and Nectar Corridors in California's North Bay	Napa RCD	Applicant	1/1/26 - 12/31/27	\$121,000	\$179,000	\$300,000
Not Funded	7/15/2025	Conservation Partners	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	Stronger Partnerships for Rangeland Resilience in the North Coast	Sonoma RCD	Subcontractor	1/1/26 - 12/31/28	\$70,000		\$1,000,000
Not Funded	7/18/2025	PG&E Better Together Nature Positive Innovation Grant Program	PG&E	Advancing Regional Resilience: Growing Local Capacity for Beneficial Fire in Napa, Solano, and Yolo Counties	Napa RCD	Applicant		\$92,000	\$8,000	\$100,000





April 10, 2026

Napa County Board of Supervisors  
1195 Third Street, Suite 310  
Napa, CA 94559

**RE: Joint Wine Industry Regulatory Policy Recommendations**

Chair Manfree and Supervisors:

The Napa County Farm Bureau, Napa Valley Vintners, Napa Valley Grapegrowers, and Winegrowers of Napa County speak today with one voice on behalf of Napa's agricultural community. The recommendations attached to this letter, developed collaboratively and approved by each of our Boards, represent both immediate actions and longer-term General Plan priorities that support the continued viability of agriculture in Napa County. The recommendations address specific, actionable opportunities across permitting, water policy, conservation, and long-term General Plan priorities, and strengthen Right to Farm protections.

We are grateful and encouraged that your Strategic Plan recognizes that a thriving agriculture and wine industry is central to a healthy and prosperous community. The attached recommendations directly support your Board's strategic goal to safeguard the Agricultural Preserve and shape land use policies that sustain Napa County's agricultural economy.

Agriculture contributes over \$11.7 billion in economic benefit to Napa County, funding local government services, driving charitable investment in our communities, and supporting nearly 72% of the local workforce. That contribution, and the land use values that make it possible, deserve thoughtful and active protection.

The agricultural industry already carries a significant regulatory burden at the federal and state level. Local over-regulation, time delays, and outdated policies compound that burden, not only for farmers and growers, but for County staff and the communities that depend on a stable agricultural economy. Addressing these challenges is an opportunity for County and industry to work in concert toward shared goals.

We offer these priorities as stewards of both industry and community, seeking to balance meaningful change with the land use values that have protected Napa's scenic beauty and open space since the Agricultural Preserve was established nearly 60 years ago. We believe that honest feedback and thoughtful flexibility are themselves acts of stewardship, and that a resilient agricultural future depends on the willingness of the industry and County to adapt together. We are confident in your Board's commitment to that work and look forward to the conversation ahead.

Sincerely,

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Michelle Benvenuto  
Winegrowers of Napa  
County

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Linda Reiff  
Napa Valley Vintners

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Caleb Mosley  
Napa Valley  
Grapegrowers

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Peter Rumble  
Napa County Farm  
Bureau



**DRAFT WINE INDUSTRY REGULATORY POLICY POSITIONS**  
**APRIL 2026**

**IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES:**

**Project Approvals**

- Update Napa County interpretation and application of AB 720 to include vineyards located on winery parcels.
- Update Napa County “Winery Signs” code to remove “By Appointment Only” sign requirement, allowing wineries to welcome walk-in visitors. Existing use permit visitation limits would remain in full effect and would not be expanded or modified by this change.
- Allow administrative approval for Marketing Plan changes that result in no net increase of intensity.
- Establish a clear process to quickly identify and manage incomplete applications to reduce staff burden.
- Streamline Zoning Administrator qualified projects to provide review of minor and CEQA-exempt changes.

**Water Policy**

- Adjust Groundwater Management Fee implementation - recalibrate fees based on realistic costs rather than a worst-case budget acknowledged to be about 20% inflated and redirect the County's contribution toward reducing initial agricultural fees rather than building reserves.

**Conservation and Regulatory Modernization**

- Include updated baseline tree canopy metrics in the BDR.
- Encourage offsite mitigation options.

**Appeals Process (via County Counsel)**

- Allow prevailing parties to recover county fees.
- Require appellants to disclose all parties in interest.

**LONGER TERM/GENERAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:**

**WDO Changes**

- Limit wine-related activities only by site capacity/infrastructure.
- Allow trade meetings without counting toward visitation limits.
- Maintain 75% Napa grape sourcing requirement.
- Support processing and sale of Napa-grown ag products (excluding hemp/cannabis).
- Expand permissible wine marketing activities, excluding weddings.

**Zoning & Agriculture**

- Protect agricultural zoning and maintain minimum lot sizes.
- Enforce fixed urban growth boundaries.
- Emphasize Right to Farm protections.
- Maintain existing definition of agriculture.

**Conservation & Mitigation**

- Implement comprehensive offsite mitigation strategies.
- Protect biodiversity through vegetation preservation.
- Invest in water infrastructure for treated urban water use.

**Urban Planning**

- Recognize vineyards as fire buffers.