

Napa County Resource Conservation District



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES

Thursday, May 14, 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 8:02 A.M. on Thursday, May 14, 2026 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors present included Bruce Barge, Paul Asmuth, Allison Day, Jim Lincoln, Jennifer Putnam, and Gretchen Stranzl McCann. Associate Directors Bryan Parker and Andrina Carlsen were present online. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Alison Blodorn, and Tatia Wieland.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

A. Minutes from April 16, 2026 Special Meeting.

Approved the minutes from the April 12, 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 April 2026.

Approved the regular District bills from April 2026

4. Set Items of Public Hearings

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

Lucas Patzek, Executive Director, presented the draft annual budget.

No comments from the public.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

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

Michelle Benvenuto, Executive Director, Winegrowers of Napa County; Peter Rumble, CEO, Napa County Farm Bureau; Caleb Mosley, Executive Director, Napa Valley Grapegrowers presented the policy position.

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

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

Carlos Suarez, State Conservationist; Allen Curry, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations; and Evelyn Denzin, District Conservationist, presented the report.

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

6. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Funding & Visibility Committee Report

Director Bruce Barge provided the report.

B. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Lucas Patzek provided the report.

C. Directors' Reports

Director Lincoln reported on the Wild Farm Alliance's Songbirds in the Vineyard: Research Film Screening and Panel Discussion.

Director Asmuth reported on tree planting and bird boxes at the St. Helena Community Forest.

Director Stranzl McCann reported on the recent Land Trust hike at Mead Ranch Preserve.

Director Barge reported on "Preserved," the new documentary about Ted Turner's conservation.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 A.M.