

Napa County Resource Conservation District



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES

Thursday, October 8, 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, October 8, 2026 by Director Paul Asmuth.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors present included Paul Asmuth, Allison Day, Jim Lincoln, and Karen Turjanis. Associate Directors Bryan Parker, Chris Carpenter, Patrick Gorman, and Joseph Nordlinger were present online. Napa RCD staff present included Frances Knapczyk, Alison Blodorn, Lucas Patzek, Josh Kursky, and Tatia Wieland.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Lincoln abstained from item A.
Item D was removed from the consent agenda.
Approved the consent agenda.

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

A. Minutes from September 10, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Approved the minutes from the September 10, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

B. Bills Approved by the Executive Director.

Ratified the bills approved by the Executive Director

C. Regular District Bills from September 2026.

Approved the regular District bills from September 2026

E. Agreement No. 2026022 with SkyView Tree Experts, Inc. for the Wappo and Crane Park Tree Pruning Project.

Approved Agreement No. 2026022 with SkyView Tree Experts, Inc.

F. Executive Director Attendance at the Decision Making Under Deep Uncertainty Society 2026 Annual Meeting.

Approved the Executive Director's attendance at the DMDU Society 2026 Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 9-12, 2026

4. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Update on the Inner Coast Regional Priority Plan Development

Ali Blodorn, Forest Health & Restoration Program Director provided the update.

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

B. Introduction of Joshua (Josh) Kursky, Forestry Specialist

Program Director Ali Blodorn and Forestry Specialist Josh Kursky provided the introduction.

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

C. Formation of Policy Advisory Committee and Appointment of Members

Executive Director Lucas Patzek presented the committee formation proposal.

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

D. El Niño Readiness: Staff Safety, Operations, and Countywide Coordination

Executive Director Lucas Patzek provided the report

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

5. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. USDA-NRCS Report

District Conservationist Evelyn Denzin and Assistant State Conservationist Allen Curry provided the report.

B. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Lucas Patzek provided the report.

C. Funding & Visibility Committee Report

Program Director Frances Knapczyk provided the report.

D. Directors' Reports

Director Day reported that she will be attending the CARCD Conference.

Director Asmuth spoke about two upcoming events in St. Helena: the Wappo Park planting day on November 14th and the Pollinator Planting Day on November 21st.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 A.M.