



Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022 3:30PM-5:30PM

MEETING LOCATION: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, 2776 Sullivan Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Board meeting was held in person and remotely

REMOTE ACCESS: Members of the staff and public can participate remotely by using the following options:

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81326946028?pwd=VERncTBxaWdkaFpkTUZKL3RRROW81UT09>

Phone: (669) 900-6833. Meeting ID: 813 2694 6028. Passcode: 111.

District Directors: Joe Dutton, President; Mel Sanchiatti, Director; Guy Smith, Director; Lorri Duckworth, Director; Elias Zegarra, Director

Associate Directors: Chris Choo, Temra Costa

1. Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions

a. Oath of Office for Lorri Duckworth and Elias Zegarra

Meeting was called to order at 3:30

Directors present: Joe Dutton, Mel Sanchiatti, Guy Smith, Elias Zegarra

Directors absent: Lorri Duckworth

Associate directors present: Temra Costa

Associate Directors absent: Chris Choo

Staff present: Brittany Jensen, Will Spangler, Mare O'Connell, Michele Harris

Other attendees: Lorenzo Levinger, Jenna Merrilees NRCS

2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B))

No additions or changes were made to the agenda.

3. Public Comment: Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed.

Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).

No public comment was made.

4. Informational Items

a. Gold Ridge RCD Updates & Notices (Brittany Jensen) Board Tour will be Dec 15th.

b. Natural Resources Conservation Service Update (Jenna Merrilees) Next round of EQIP December 9th, a new District Conservationist has been hired and will start mid-December. Veronica Rivera is the new Senior Planner.

- c. **Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update (#138)** (*Joe Dutton*)
No Update.
- d. **Report out on Ad Hoc Financial Sustainability Committee Meeting** (*Mare O'Connell*)

5. Consent Calendar

- a. **September 2022 Meeting Minutes, October 2022 Grant Status Report, Approval of Resolution 2022-14 Re-authorizing Remote Meetings** (*Brittany Jensen*)
Motion to approve Item 5-A: 1st Smith, 2nd Sanchietti. Ayes: Sanchietti, Dutton, Smith, Zegarra Nays: None. Abstentions: None

6. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Financial Report, and Warrant Request for FY 22/23 through July 2022** (*Mare O'Connell*)

Motion to approve Item 6-A: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Smith. Ayes: Sanchietti, Dutton, Smith, Zegarra. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

- b. **Approval of Executive Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with After the Fire (Rebuild NorthBay Foundation) for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program “Building Fire Resiliency in California’s Coast Range Forests and Grasslands” (#206) for a contract total of \$34,402 in 2022 and up to that amount in 2023-2026.** (*Brittany Jensen*)

Motion to approve Item 6-B: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Smith. Ayes: Sanchietti, Dutton, Smith, Zegarra. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

- c. **Approval of the Executive Director to enter into contract with International Water Screens to provide and install fish screen for the Iron Horse Vineyard Fish Screen Implementation Project awarded by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) #190 for \$106,282** (*Will Spangler*)

Motion to approve Item 6-C: 1st Smith, 2nd Zegarra. Ayes: Sanchietti, Dutton, Smith, Zegarra. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

- d. **Approval of Executive Director to enter into contract with Stetson Engineers for Iron Horse Vineyards Fish Screen Implementation Oversight and Monitoring awarded by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) #190 for \$46,033.** (*Will Spangler*)

Motion to approve Item 6-D: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Smith. Ayes: Sanchietti, Dutton, Smith, Zegarra. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

- e. **Approve Executive Director to enter into contract with Trout Unlimited for \$25,905 for streamflow monitoring as part of the Upper Green Valley Creek Rural Water Conservation Project, Phase II awarded by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) #195. (Will Spangler)**

Motion to approve Item 6-E: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Smith. Ayes: Sanchietti, Dutton, Smith, Zegarra. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

- f. **Approval of Executive Director to amend a contract with Water Champions to assist in the rainwater catchment rebate program (funded through multiple sources) for \$60,000 (Brittany Jensen)**

Motion to approve Item 6-E: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Smith. Ayes: Sanchietti, Dutton, Smith, Zegarra. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

7. Future Agenda Items

Holiday Closure

8. Adjournment 5:06pm