



Board Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2021 3:30PM-5:30PM

**MEETING LOCATION:** Gold Ridge RCD, 2776 Sullivan Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472. *Call for directions.*

**REMOTE ACCESS:** Due to the COVID-19 health emergency - and to protect our Board Members, staff, and members of the public - **the regularly scheduled board meeting will be held with an option to join remotely.** Members of the Board, staff and public can participate remotely by using the following options:

via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81326946028?pwd=NUY4NVF4V0kyb1YwaUhaMTZlcFptdz09> or via phone: (669) 900-6833. Meeting ID: 813 2694 6028. Passcode: 343 954. Contact us at (707) 823-5244 x 11 or [brittany@goldridgercd.org](mailto:brittany@goldridgercd.org) if you have any concerns about accessibility. For information about how to join a Zoom meeting, see: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

**District Directors:** Joe Dutton, President; Richard Hughes, Vice President; Torrey Olson, Treasurer; Ann Cassidy, Secretary; Mel Sanchietti, Director

**Associate Directors:** Guy Smith; Chris Choo

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

*Meeting was called to order at 3:37pm*

*Directors present: Mel Sanchietti, Ann Cassidy, Torrey Olson, Richard Hughes*

*Directors absent: Joe Dutton*

*Associate directors present: Chris Choo, Guy Smith. Associate Directors absent: None*

*Staff present: Brittany Jensen, John Green, Michele Harris, Mare O'Connell, Adriana Stagnaro, Daisy Abbott (Fellow)*

*Other attendees: Drew Loganbill (NRCS), Jenna Merrilees (NRCS), Emilie Winfield (North Coast Soil Health Hub), Noel Bouck (Salmon Creek Watershed Council)*

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

*No changes or additions were made.*

**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 comments were made.*

**4. Informational Items**

A. **Gold Ridge RCD Updates & Notices**

B. **Natural Resources Conservation Service Update**

C. **Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update (#138)** (*Brittany Jensen*)

D. **Valley Ford Schoolhouse Update** (*Brittany Jensen*)

E. **Associate Director Application** (*Brittany Jensen*)

- F. **Annual audit contract** (*Brittany Jensen*)
- G. **Soil Health Hub Coordinator, North Coast Region** (*Emilie Winfield*)

## 5. Consent Calendar

- A. **May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes and June Grant Status Report** (*Brittany Jensen*)  
*Motion to approve Item 5-A: 1st Cassidy, 2nd Hughes. Ayes: Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Dutton.*

## 6. Action Items

- A. **Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Request for FY 2020/21 through April 30, 2021** (*Mare O'Connell*)  
*Motion to approve Item 6-A: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Olson. Ayes: Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Dutton.*
- B. **Approval of Resolution 2021-07 to Receive a Temporary Transfer (Line of Credit) from the County of Sonoma for FY 21/22** (*Michele Harris*)  
*Motion to approve Item 6-B: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Olson. Ayes: Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Dutton.*
- C. **Approval of Executive Director to enter into contract with Sonoma Water for the Russian River Cooperative Agreement for support for Russian River activities for \$100,000** (*Brittany Jensen*)  
*Motion to approve Item 6-C: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Hughes. Ayes: Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Dutton.*
- D. **Approval of Executive Director to amend contract (grant #138) with West Yost to include an additional year of services for \$46,000** (*Brittany Jensen*)  
*Motion to approve Item 6-D: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Hughes. Ayes: Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Dutton.*
- E. **Approval of Executive Director to enter into agreement with the County of Sonoma for the LandSmart Community Grazing Program (grant #192) for \$184,600** (*Brittany Jensen*)  
*Motion to approve Item 6-E: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Olson. Ayes: Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Dutton.*
- F. **Approval of Executive Director to enter into contract with the winning bidder to construct Phase 1 of the Alliance Redwoods Water Conservation Project for approximately \$540,400 with funding from grants #165 and #189.** (*John Green*)  
*Motion to approve Cats4U for \$462,242 for construction of Phase 1 of the Alliance Project: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Hughes. Ayes: Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Dutton.*

## 7. Future Agenda Items

- 8. **Adjournment**           *Adjourned at 5:08pm*