

North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District (NSCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 5:45 p.m.

ACTION MINUTES

Note: Though agenda items may be considered out of order (for example, to accommodate the schedules of guest speakers and/or members of the public in attendance for a specific item, or when items are removed from the consent agenda), the official minutes remain recorded in the same order as originally published in the official agenda. Number of votes are reflected in the following order: Aye-Nay-Abstention, with nays and abstentions called out by Director name.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by President Maitski. Directors present: President Frank Maitski, Director Jeannie Entin, and Director Gerardo Ixteyo Loera. Vice President Gail Bautista and Director Roben were absent (excused). Associated Directors present: Associate Director Rick Lanman, MD. Executive staff present: Executive Director/District Clerk Stephanie Moreno.
2. **Meeting Agenda:** Discussion and action to approve the agenda as presented or amended.
Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Loera/Entin; 3-0-0; Bautista and Roben absent)
3. **Public Comment – Matters Not on the Agenda:** None
4. **Consent Agenda:**
Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Entin/Loera; 3-0-0; Bautista and Roben absent)
5. **Presentation:** NSCRCD Associate Director/President Emeritus Rick Lanman, MD, gave a presentation on the recent research project: *New Machine Learning Model Identifies Optimal Sites for Coast Redwood Restoration in Santa Clara County*, which was funded in part by NSCRCD.
6. **Partner Reports:** Updates from Genevieve Yip, Valley Water, and Dr. Rick Lanman, Associate Director/President Emeritus.
7. **Administration:**
 - 7.1 *Federal Funding Update:* Executive Director Moreno gave an update on status of the District's USDA-NRCS grants.
 - 7.2 *Long Range Plan:* Executive Director Moreno gave an update on the Board retreat planned for May 3, 2025, which will be noticed as a special meeting.
 - 7.3 *Policies:* Executive Director Moreno presented the draft Legislative Advocacy Policy.
Motion: Approve Legislative Advocacy Policy as presented. (Loera/Entin; 3-0-0; Bautista and Roben absent)

7.4 *Legislation:* The Board discussed the request from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) for letters of support for AB 259 and SB 496.

*Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to submit letters of support.
(Maitski/Loera; 3-0-0; Bautista and Roben absent)*

8. Board Member, Associate Director, Committee, and Executive Director Reports: Updates and reports from Directors and the Executive Director on topics and activities relevant to the District.

9. New Business/Items for Next Agenda: None

10. Meeting Adjourned

Consent Agenda

Action Items:

- 4.1 Ratify action taken by the Executive Director to submit a draft proposal for an estimated \$40,000 to the Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation in order to partner on their application for the *Muwekma Ohlone Wildfire Resilience Planning & Workforce Development at 'Ootchamin 'Ooyakma (Jasper Ridge)* project for a CAL FIRE Tribal Wildfire Resilience grant; if the grant is awarded, work will begin in FY25-26, and NSCRCD will coordinate technical assistance activities and workforce training with San Mateo RCD.

Information Only:

- 4.2 County of Santa Clara, Finance Agency; *Excess ERAF Distribution Update*; dated March 14, 2025.
- 4.3 County of Santa Clara, Finance Agency; *Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) June 2, 2025 Distribution Estimate*; dated March 28, 2025.