



## Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 8th, 2022

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89443163614>

Meeting ID: 864 4316 3614    Call-in: (669) 900- 6833

5:00 pm    **Call Meeting to Order**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Rules of Order/Zoom Meeting protocol
- Introductions (*type your name/RCD in the chat if possible*)
- Requests for additions and Public Comment on the Agenda

5:15 pm    **Partner Reports**

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- California Department of Conservation
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- Pacific Policy Group

6:15 pm    **Officer Annual Reports**

- President's Report: Don Butz, President, CARCD/RCD of Greater San Diego County
- Financial Report: Harold Singer, Treasurer, CARCD/Tahoe RCD
  - 2020-2021 Audit
  - 2021-2022 Audit still in progress
- NACD Report: Rick Gomez, NACD Representative, CARCD/Inland Empire RCD

6:35 pm    **Business Items**

Upcoming Annual Meetings

- November 2023: Annual Conference – Southern California
  - Any RCDs would like to assist with hosting
- Executive Director hiring update
- Napa RCD Proposed Climate Change/Emergency Discussion

7:00 pm    **Adjourn**

**FROM:** Rainer Hoenicke, Director, Napa County RCD and Bay-Delta Region Chair  
**TO:** CARCD Board of Directors  
**SUBJECT:** Request for action to consider *in lieu of a Resolution*  
**DATE:** November 10, 2022  
**CC:** Bruce Barge, Bryan Avila, Frances Knapczyk, Eric McKee

Throughout the world, youth are pressing for meaningful climate action. In response, Napa Valley Unified School District passed a Climate Emergency Resolution with the goal of achieving net zero climate pollution by or before 2030. Since then, local students have won climate emergency declarations throughout Napa County, with each of the municipalities and the county government resolving to commit leadership and services to meet the 2030 target.

As may have come to your attention, the Napa County RCD joined the long-term effort by Napa Students for Climate Action and released its own Climate Emergency Resolution (CER) on August 11, 2022 (enclosed).

For more background, the RCD's current strategic plan includes a vision of partnering "with other organizations — in Napa County, regionally, and statewide..." — "on large-scale approaches to the most pressing natural resource challenges of our time, including climate change."

My Board offers to work with the CARCD to address "...statewide, large-scale approaches to the most pressing natural resource challenges of our time..."

At its most recent meeting, the Napa RCD Board unanimously voted to engage with CARCD, using its adopted CER resolution as a framework that all 59 RCD Boards may want to know about and customize for their own local and regional climate response challenges, with the CARCD playing a facilitation and coordination role, especially following the recent passage of the Natural Carbon Sequestration and Resiliency and Response Act (AB 1757, Garcia), which will require significant information and technical input by the communities RCDs serve.

As listed in the attached meeting minutes of the November 10 Napa RCD board meeting, the Board:

- supports the development of a joint proposal for a climate emergency resolution with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) using Napa RCD's adopted resolution as a framework.
- authorizes Director Hoenicke to work with CARCD to draft a joint proposal for presentation and vote at CARCD's Annual Meeting, and for consideration by Napa RCD's Board of Directors.

The Napa County RCD Board of Directors would appreciate consideration of these motions and discussion by the CARCD Board at their Business Meeting on December 8, 2022.



# Napa County Resource Conservation District Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

## MINUTES

**When:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 8:00 A.M.

**Where:** Tele/videoconference

Bruce Barge <b>President</b>	Rainer Hoenicke <b>Vice President</b>	Paul Asmuth <b>Director</b>	Jon Kanagy <b>Director</b>	Jim Lincoln <b>Director</b>	Bill Pramuk <b>Director</b>	Gretchen Stranzl McCann <b>Director</b>
	Lucas Patzek <b>Executive Director</b>	Anna Mattinson <b>District Secretary</b>	Wendy Dau <b>District Counsel</b>	Tracy Schulze <b>Auditor-Controller</b>		

### 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Napa County Resource Conservation District was called to order at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 10, 2022 by President Bruce Barge. This meeting was conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953 and Governor’s Executive Order N-25-20, in that directors participated only by electronic means, through either audio (i.e., teleconference) or video (videoconference), or both. All directors present indicated that they there were able to hear everything clearly over the tele/videoconference system.

#### A. Roll call

Directors present included Paul Asmuth, Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Jon Kanagy, Jim Lincoln, Bill Pramuk, and Gretchen Stranzl McCann. Associate Directors Bryan Avila, Joe Nordlinger, Bryan Parker, Cio Perez, Matt Reid, and Lauren Winczewski were present. RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Anna Mattinson, Ali Blodorn, Alex Wilbanks, and District Counsel Wendy Dau was present. NRCS staff present included Evelyn Denzin, Erika Valek, and Allen Curry.

#### B. Approval of the agenda

Approved the agenda for this meeting with the revision that agenda item 6c be presented by Lucas Patzek and not Frances Knapczyk.

MOTION: Stranzl McCann; SECOND: Lincoln; AYES: Asmuth, Barge, Lincoln, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Pramuk, and Stranzl McCann; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

### **C. Approval of meeting minutes**

Approved minutes from the October 13, 2022 regular meeting with the revision that Jim Lincoln be added as present to the roll call.

MOTION: Lincoln; SECOND: Pramuk; AYES: Asmuth, Barge, Lincoln, Kanagy, Pramuk, and Stranzl McCann; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTENSIONS: Hoenicke. Motion carried.

Approved minutes from the October 25, 2022 special meeting.

MOTION: Lincoln; SECOND: Hoenicke; AYES: Asmuth, Barge, Lincoln, Hoenicke, Kanagy, and Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTENSIONS: Stranzl McCann. Motion carried.

### **D. Ratification of District bills**

Ratified regular bills approved by the Executive Director in the amount of \$117,044.78.

MOTION: Kanagy; SECOND: Pramuk; AYES: Asmuth, Barge, Lincoln, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Pramuk, and Stranzl McCann; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

### **E. Approval of District bills**

Approved regular bills for October 2022 in the amount of \$180,721.24.

MOTION: Stranzl McCann; SECOND: Pramuk; AYES: Asmuth, Barge, Lincoln, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Pramuk, and Stranzl McCann; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Wilson, Napa Climate NOW!, wanted to thank the Napa RCD for convening a workgroup to look at the reuse of woody debris. This ties to the County's climate goals, and Napa RCD's declaration of a climate emergency.

Allen Curry, USDA-NRCS, expressed his support for working in partnership with Napa RCD and is visiting the local office today.

## **3. EDUCATION PRESENTATION**

Joseph Nordlinger, Vice President of Napa Firewise, presented on how the organization has been coordinating with others on fire fuel reduction and community education goals and activities, and opportunities for collaboration between Napa Firewise and Napa RCD.

## **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved the consent calendar.

MOTION: Kanagy; SECOND: Stranzl McCann; AYES: Asmuth, Barge, Lincoln, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Pramuk, and Stranzl McCann; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

**A. Authorize Executive Director to issue a letter of non-renewal for Agreement No. 2020-09.**

**5 OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Governance Committee items.**

1. The Board of Directors moved to approve as follows:
  - It supports the development of a joint proposal for a climate emergency resolution with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) using Napa RCD’s adopted resolution as a framework.
  - It authorizes Director Hoenicke to work with CARCD to draft a joint proposal for presentation and vote at CARCD’s Annual Meeting, and for consideration by Napa RCD’s Board of Directors.

MOTION: Stranzl McCann; SECOND: Pramuk; AYES: Asmuth, Barge, Lincoln, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Pramuk, and Stranzl McCann; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

2. Director Barge explained the process and next steps for engagement with public leaders. We plan to do 4 interviews as pilots before the end of the year, and have identified interviewers and interviewees. Waiting until after the election results are in to schedule these interviews.

Lucas Patzek shared about the process for filling Director Kanagy’s upcoming director vacancy. The public announcement will be released by the County on Monday, and Napa RCD will share the announcement with all cities and towns for public posting. Napa RCD will also share the announcement in its newsletter, website, and social media. Director Stranzl McCann would like to serve on the ad hoc interview committee, and suggests we leave the application process open until mid-January to provide adequate time for diverse applicants to apply. Director Barge suggests we aim for a director appointment recommendation at the February Board meeting.

**6 NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Authorization to sign Resolution 2022-05 requesting the Napa County Board of Supervisors appoint Directors to the governing board of the District in lieu of election to fill three positions whose terms are expiring.**

Approved Resolution 2022-05 requesting that the Napa County Board of Supervisors re-appoint three Directors – Bruce Barge, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, and Jim Lincoln – whose terms expire on November 25, 2022.

MOTION: Asmuth; SECOND: Pramuk; AYES: Asmuth, Barge, Lincoln, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Pramuk, and Stranzl McCann; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

**B. Presentation and discussion about the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) supporting the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NCGSA).**

Miguel Garcia, Napa RCD’s Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager, was appointed to the TAG and currently serves as its chair. He presented on what the TAG’s role is in supporting the NCGSA in implementing the Napa Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, as well as current and upcoming TAG activities.

**C. Discuss 2022 Give!Guide campaign and opportunities for Board support.**

Napa RCD was selected one of the participating not-for-profit organizations in this year’s [Napa Valley Give!Guide](#), a community fundraising initiative coordinated by Napa Valley CanDo. Lucas Patzek described how staff plans to promote the giving opportunity via social media, e-Newsletters, and use of incentives, as well as opportunities for the Board to support the campaign.

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**REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST, AND DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS**

Evelyn Denzin (NRCS District conservationist) provided the following update on current NRCS projects and activities:

- Looking forward to joining some Napa RCD staff and directors at the CARCD Conference in late November.
- NRCS is moving forward with office remodel.
- Got announcement for deadline for EQIP – Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – and this was advertised with lots of local organizations (e.g., NCCFF, NVG, Farm Bureau). We will likely have a later RCPP deadline, which hasn’t been determined or announced yet.
- Certified \$850,000 in incentives in Napa County, and most of this was for forest management. This included 350 acres of land that was treated.

Rainer Hoenicke (Napa RCD Director) provided the following update on current CARCD projects and activities:

- 1 more week to register for the CARCD Conference: there is an in-person one in Folsom, and a virtual one in early 2023. Board members should consider attending.
- Request for Lucas Patzek to update the Board on the presentations that Napa RCD staff will be giving at the CARCD Conference.

Lucas Patzek (Napa RCD Executive Director) provided the following update on current Napa RCD projects and activities:

- Office remodel and lease: Napa RCD continues to coordinate with NRCS on the remodel plan for suite 500B. Napa RCD has taken over additional office space in suite 100B, and will need to execute a new lease agreement with the landlord soon.

- Million Trees Napa: The Vintner’s Vintage Celebration fundraiser occurred last weekend, and Ali and Lucas attended the “Boots on the Ground” event at To Kalon to say a few words to inspire giving. Jon-Mark Chappellet, Advisory Committee Member, similarly attended the “Boots on the Ground” event to do the same.
- CARCD Conference: Lucas, Frances, and Ali are staff attending the conference along with Director Hoenicke. Ali is coordinating a conference session about forestry capacity-building.

## **8 ADJOURNMENT**

Bruce Barge adjourned this meeting at 9:34 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Mattinson, District Secretary  
(Zoom Recording)