



Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023 - 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

District Directors: Joe Dutton, President; Mel Sanchietti, 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

Meeting was called to order at 3:35

Directors present: Joe Dutton, Mel Sanchietti, Guy Smith, Elias Zegarra, Lorri Duckworth

Directors absent: None

Associate directors present: Temra Costa and Chris Choo

Associate Directors absent: None

Staff present: Brittany Jensen, Noelle Johnson, Joe Pozzi, John Green, Michele Harris, Mare O'Connell, Adriana Stagnaro from 4-4:20, Sierra Cantor 5:00-5:15

Other attendees: Jenna Houts, NRCS

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

None.

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)).

None.

4. Informational Items

a. Gold Ridge RCD Updates & Notices

b. Report out on Ad Hoc Financial Sustainability Committee Meeting (Mare O'Connell)

- i. Meeting was held 2/16, No action items were heard

c. NRCS Report

5. Consent Calendar

a. January Meeting Minutes, February 2023 Grant Status Report (Brittany Jensen)

Motion to approve Item 5: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Smith. 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 November 2022**
(Mare O'Connell)

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

- b. **Approval of Executive Director to enter into a contract with Sonoma County Ag + Open Space for \$100,000 for the *Living with Fire: Sonoma County Forest Conservation Conference*** (Adriana Stagnaro)

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

- c. **Approval of Executive Director to Enter into Contract for \$225,000 to provide assistance on Conservation Agriculture Plans through an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) programs.** (William Hart)

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

- d. **Approve Resolutions 2023-03, 2023-04 and 2023-05 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to operate water releases in Dutch Bill and Green Valley Creeks. Total funding for the three releases is \$84,092** (John Green)

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

- e. **Approve Resolution 2023-06 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for implementation of the Lower Green Valley Creek Off-Channel Habitat Enhancement Project at Iron Horse Vineyards, Phase I Project for \$1,886,554** (Sierra Cantor)

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

- f. **Vote for one candidate as the Special District Representative to the Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)** (Brittany Jensen)

No vote

7. **Recess to Closed Session: Pursuant to Brown Act Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Evaluation Position: Executive Director, Annual Evaluation**

8. **Reconvene Regular Board Meeting and Report Actions Taken in Closed Session**

No action was taken.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

Tree Ordinance, Well Ordinance, Update Compensation Policy to accommodate COLA

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 5:45pm