



Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2021 3:30PM-5:30PM

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 remotely.** Members of the Board, staff and public can participate remotely by using the following options: via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95447593935> or via phone: (669) 900-6833. Meeting ID: [954 4759 3935](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95447593935). Contact us at (707) 823-5244 x 11 or 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 Sanchiatti, Director

Associate Directors: Guy Smith; Chris Choo

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

Meeting was called to order at 3:33pm

Directors present: Joe Dutton, Mel Sanchiatti, Ann Cassidy, Torrey Olson, Richard Hughes

Directors absent: None

Associate directors present: Chris Choo. Associate Directors absent: Guy Smith

Staff present: Brittany Jensen, Joe Pozzi, John Green, Michele Harris, Mare O'Connell, Adriana Stagnaro, Sophia Tsu (intern), Cailin Notch (CivicSpark Fellow)

Other attendees: Noel Bouck (Salmon Creek Watershed Council), Elias Zegarra (volunteer)

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

Removed Action Items 7 and 8 from the agenda:

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

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)).

Noel Bouck (Salmon Creek Watershed Council): The SCWC has been asked to write a letter of support for the West Sonoma County Collaborative Fuel Reduction Project, being submitted by Fire Safe Sonoma to CAL FIRE's Fire Prevention grant program. I have two questions about this proposal: First, how will the Project control soil erosion and sediment pollution to the local streams where it plans to create shaded fuel breaks along old logging roads? Second, what is the role of the RCD in this project?

Adriana Stagnaro (GRRCD Outreach and Project Manager) answered: To your first question, if funded, the first year of the five year project will be spent planning and conducting environmental review of the shaded fuel break projects. I'd be happy to talk more about this outside of the meeting. To your second

question, if funded, the Gold Ridge RCD will be contracted to support the environmental review process and collaboration between the grantee (Fire Safe Sonoma) and the landowners in the project area. The RCD may also be contracted for forestry work or to act as the project's CEQA lead, but this is yet to be determined.

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. Forest Landowner Outreach Plan (Cailin Notch)**
- F. Director Application (Brittany Jensen)**

5. Consent Calendar

- A. April 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes and May Grant Status Report (Brittany Jensen)**
Motion to approve Item 5-A: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Cassidy. Ayes: Dutton, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

6. Action Items

- A. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Request for FY 2020/21 through March 31, 2021 (Mare O'Connell)**
Motion to approve Item 6-A: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Hughes. Ayes: Dutton, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.
- B. Approve the Preliminary FY 21/22 Budget (Mare O'Connell)**
Motion to approve Item 6-B: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Cassidy. Ayes: Dutton, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.
- C. Approval of Executive Director to enter into contract with anonymous foundation for general support to the RCD for \$50,000 (Brittany Jensen)**
Motion to approve Item 6-C: 1st Cassidy, 2nd Olson. Ayes: Dutton, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.
- D. Approval of Executive Director to enter into MOU with for UC Berkeley Grizzly Corps the placement of two Grizzly Corps fellow to serve the Gold Ridge RCD for \$40,000. (Brittany Jensen)**

Motion to approve Item 6-D: 1st Cassidy, 2nd Hughes. Ayes: Dutton, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

E. Approval of Executive Director to apply for a National Association of Conservation Districts Technical Assistance Grant (Brittany Jensen)

Motion to approve Item 6-E: 1st Sanchietti, 2nd Olson. Ayes: Dutton, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

F. Approval of Executive Director to enter into contract with NV5 Geospatial for \$26,500 for LiDAR elevation data acquisition for portions of the Willow Creek and Atascadero Creek watersheds (John Green)

Motion to approve Item 6-F: 1st Cassidy, 2nd Sanchietti. Ayes: Dutton, Sanchietti, Cassidy, Olson, Hughes. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 5:15pm