



Board Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023 | 3:30 PM-5:30 PM

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; Elias Zegarra, Director, Temra Costa, Director *(All present)*

Associate Directors: Chris Choo *(Absent)*

Staff Present: Brittany Jensen, Michele Harris, Noelle Johnson, John Green, Will Spangler

Others Present: Sebastian Tsochanos-NRCS

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

Meeting called to order at 3:35pm

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- None

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

No meeting was held, nothing to report.

c. Santa Rosa Plain GSA Update (Joe Dutton)

No meeting was held, nothing to report.

d. Vineyard WDR Permit Update (Brittany Jensen)

Gold Ridge, Sonoma and Mendocino RCDs are working on a joint comment letter to be sent by 8/30/23.

e. NRCS Update

5. Consent Calendar

a. July 2023 Meeting Minutes, August 2023 Grant Status Report, August Warrant Request (Brittany Jensen)

Motion to approve Item 5a: 1. Sanchietti 2. Smith. Ayes: Costa, Sanchietti, Dutton, Zegarra, Smith. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

6. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Executive Director to enter into contract with RGH Consultants, for construction geotechnical observation and testing of the Mt. Gilead Water Conservation and Streamflow Improvement Project for \$29,901 (Will Spangler)**

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

- b. **Approval of Executive Director to enter contract with Trout Unlimited for \$65,836 for stream gauging to support habitat restoration design projects in lower Willow Creek (#222) (John Green)**

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

- c. **Approval of Executive Director to enter contract with Sonoma County Ag + Open Space for \$268,250.00 for Southern Russian River Watershed Conservation and Forest Wildfire Resilience Project (#231) funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Adriana Stagnaro)**

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

7. Future Agenda Items

CDFA Compost Tea Demonstration Project Report, Board Tour

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

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District Staff:

Brittany Jensen, Executive Director

Joe Pozzi, District Manager

Noelle Johnson, Deputy Director

John Green, Lead Scientist & Program Manager

Sierra Cantor, Ecologist

William Hart, Project Manager

Adriana Stagnaro, Outreach & Project Manager

Michele Harris, District Administrator

Mare O'Connell, Financial Manager

Jason Wells, Forester

Angel Arcuri, Project Manager

Will Spangler, Conservation Project Manager

Tom Hammond, Shared Engineer

Schedule of Upcoming Gold Ridge RCD Board Meetings:

Every Third Thursday of the month, unless marked*