

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Via live webcast  
July 27, 2022  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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### ATTENDANCE

#### *Association of California Water Agencies*

Director: Dave Eggerton – Absent  
Alternate: OPEN

#### *California Department of Fish and Wildlife*

Director: Nancee Murray – Present  
Alternate: OPEN

#### *California Forestry Association*

Director: Rich Gordon – Present  
Alternate: George Gentry – Absent

#### *California Hydropower Reform Coalition*

Director: Pete Bell – Present  
Alternate: Richard Roos-Collins – Absent

#### *California Public Utilities Commission*

Director: Allison Brown – Present  
Alternate: OPEN

#### *California Public Utilities Commission Appointed Public Members*

Director: Art Baggett Jr. – Absent  
Director: David Muraki – Absent  
Director: Chris Nota – Present

#### *California Natural Resources Agency*

Director: Wade Crowfoot – Absent  
Alternate: Jennifer Norris – Absent

#### *California Tribal Interests*

Director: Larry Myers – Present  
Alternate: Ken Tipon – Absent

#### *Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board*

Director: Soapy Mulholland – Present  
Alternate: Bob Schneider – Absent

*Public Advocates Office*

Director: Julie Halligan – Present  
Alternate: OPEN

*Pacific Gas & Electric Company*

Director: Mike Schonherr – Present  
Alternate: Rebecca Doidge – Present

*Rural County Representatives of California*

Director: Lee Adams – Present  
Alternate: Miles Menetrey – Absent

*State Water Resources Control Board*

Director: DeeDee D'Adamo – Absent  
Alternate: Jeffrey Parks – Present

*Trust for Public Land*

Director: Dave Sutton – Absent  
Alternate: John McCamman - Absent

*U.S. Forest Service*

Non-Voting Liaison: Jerry Bird – Absent

**STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF**

Executive Director Erin Healy  
Director of Programs Steve Schweigerdt  
Land Conservation Program Manager Megan Tolbert  
Office Administrator Robyn White  
Finance and Compliance Administrator Debbie Daugherty

**OTHERS**

George Berla, CFA, Berla Investment Consulting  
Corey Berla, CFA, Berla Investment Consulting  
David Green, Barclay Labs  
William Haire, Trails Coordinator, Bear Yuba Land Trust  
Karen Mills, Director of Legal Services, California Farm Bureau

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING**

- Adoption of the minutes of the April 6, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. **(Consent agenda item)**
- Approval of a change in the principal office for the transaction of business of the Stewardship Council from 3300 Douglas Blvd. Ste. 250; Roseville, CA to the following location: 8863 Greenback Lane #326; Orangevale, CA 95662 **(Consent agenda item)**
- The Board approved the Stewardship Council's Updated Strategic Plan 2022 through Dissolution.
- The Board approved the dissolution of the Stewardship Council and preparation of a Plan of Dissolution upon submission of the 851 Advice Letter Filing for the final donated transaction.

- The Stewardship Council Board awarded an Enhancement Grant for \$275,000 to Bear Yuba Land Trust for the Pines to Mines Trail project.

## **ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM**

Stewardship Council Board Vice President and Acting Chair Soapy Mulholland called the roll, declared a quorum, and called the meeting to order.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES**

Ms. Mulholland asked if any Board members had a conflict of interest with regard to any of the proposed actions. None were noted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Before taking public comments, Ms. Mulholland announced the possible action regarding the rescission of the fee title donation recommendation for any transactions that did not have a Purchase and Acquisition Agreement signed by all parties had been removed from the agenda. She then asked if there was any public comment.

David Green with Barclay Labs said he was interested in the fee title rescission action that was removed from the agenda as it affected the donation to CAL FIRE at the Pit River and Tunnel Reservoir planning units and he was an adjacent landowner to one of the properties. He asked why the action had been removed. Mike Schonherr explained that the Board had decided not to move forward with consideration of the rescission of the donation as the transaction was progressing and the Board had decided to move forward with the donation to CAL FIRE. Mr. Green stated he was in favor of the donation to CAL FIRE and was happy to hear it would be moving forward.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Board approved the consent calendar items as noted above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

## **FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE**

### **Report from the Fiduciary Committee/Financial update**

Executive Director Erin Healy provided an overview of the committee's purpose and then provided the Board with a financial update.

She then introduced George Berla and Corey Berla with Berla Investment Consulting who provided an annual update regarding the Stewardship Council's investments.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

### **2021 Audit report**

Ms. Healy thanked the Audit Committee for their work. She then provided the Board with a report on the 2021 audit, noting that the Stewardship Council had once again received a clean report. She stated the only recommendation had been regarding the way employee pay and benefits were tracked, and that the recommendation had been incorporated into the 2022 accounting process.

## **BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND DISSOLUTION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **Approval of Stewardship Council Updated Strategic Plan 2022 through Dissolution (ACTION)**

Director of Programs Steve Schweigerdt directed the Board to the updated strategic plan located in their packets. He said the plan had last been updated in 2018 and needed to be revised through the current dissolution date. He noted there had been updates to the timelines and land portion of the plan.

After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

### **Approval of Stewardship Council Dissolution (ACTION)**

Ms. Healy explained staff was seeking an action from the Board to begin the dissolution process of the Stewardship Council upon the submission of the Advice Letter (AL) to the CPUC for the final donated transaction. She said once the final donated AL was submitted, the action would take effect and staff would begin to develop a dissolution plan that would be presented to the Board in November and eventually to the Attorney General's Office.

After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

## **LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

### **Approval of the Pines to Mines Trail Enhancement Grant (ACTION)**

Mr. Schweigerdt reviewed the Pines to Mines Trail Enhancement Grant explaining the grant would be used to realign the trail to avoid a low penstock and construct a new bridge to accommodate the realignment. He introduced William (Bill) Haire with Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT). Mr. Haire thanked the Board and noted BYLT had been working on this project for many years. He noted that costs had risen on the project, but the funding would give them a very good start and BYLT would raise matching funds.

After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

### **Land Conservation Program Update**

Land Conservation Program Manager Megan Tolbert provided an update on the land conservation program. She reviewed the number of acres of land that had been donated, how many were in process or remained to be donated, remaining retained land conservation easements to close escrow, as well as recent closings.

### **Sky Mountain Education Center Board Tour Update**

Mr. Schweigerdt presented photos and an update from the recent Board tour at Sky Mountain Education Center. He stated it was impressive to see the camp was being utilized so well. Board members who attended the tour agreed with Mr. Schweigerdt.

Mr. Schweigerdt noted he had attended a trail opening celebration for the Fall River Lake Trail which the Stewardship Council had provided a grant for in 2019.

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Mulholland adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.

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Nancee Murray, Secretary

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