BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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

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
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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 recission 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