

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Via live webcast

July 12, 2023

11:00 am – 11:15 am

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#### ATTENDANCE

##### *Association of California Water Agencies*

Director: Dave Eggerton – Absent  
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. – Present  
Director: David Muraki – Absent  
Director: Chris Nota – Present

##### *California Natural Resources Agency*

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

##### *California Tribal Interests*

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

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

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

##### *Public Advocates Office*

Director: Julie Halligan – Absent  
Alternate: OPEN

*Pacific Gas & Electric Company*

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

*Rural County Representatives of California*

Director: Lee Adams – Absent  
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 – Present

*U.S. Forest Service*

Non-Voting Liaison: Jerry Bird – Present

**STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF**

Executive Director Erin Healy  
Office Administrator Robyn White

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

- Adoption of the minutes of the March 22, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. (***Consent agenda item***)
- The Board approved the prioritized list of Enhancement projects as listed in the packet and directs Sierra Nevada Conservancy to make additional grants using the prioritized list when funding is available.

**ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM**

Stewardship Council Board President and Chair Art Baggett called the roll, declared a quorum, and called the meeting to order.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES**

Mr. Baggett asked if any Board members had a conflict of interest with regard to any of the proposed actions. Jennifer Norris stated she had a conflict with the prioritized list of Enhancement projects action item.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none at this time.

**FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE**

**Financial update**

Fiduciary Committee chair Jeff Parks reviewed the May budget analysis. “Other Program Specific Expenses” were over budget due to the Pit/Tunnel transaction closing in 2023. The transaction had been budgeted for a 2022 close with the tax neutrality payment occurring then, however because of closing in 2023, the tax neutrality was paid in 2023. Overall, the 2023 budget is still \$167K underspent as of the end of May.

## **2022 Audit Report**

Mr. Parks, an Audit Committee member, reported that the Audit Committee met for the last time in early June. He said the audit was clean and there was no management letter issued.

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

### **Dissolution Plan Status Update**

Mr. Parks, a member of the Board Development and Dissolution Planning Committee, provided an update on the Stewardship Council’s dissolution.

He noted several significant tasks had been completed and staff were working on tasks ahead. He said the Attorney General’s waiver of objection to dissolve had been received.

## **LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

### **Approval of the prioritized list of Enhancement projects as listed in packet and direction to Sierra Nevada Conservancy to make additional grants using the prioritized list (ACTION)**

After Ms. Norris was placed in the waiting room, Executive Director Erin Healy explained that staff had requested updated scopes of work (SOW) and budgets from grantees that submitted grant applications in 2020. She said based on the updated SOWs and budgets submitted and the work not funded earlier, a priority list that was set by the Enhancement Review Committee was now ready for consideration by the Board.

After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board made the following conflict of interest finding:

- The Board confirmed that in good faith it agrees that the Stewardship Council will take the proposed action for its own benefit; that the proposed action is fair and reasonable to the Stewardship Council; and that, after reasonable investigation, the Stewardship Council could not have obtained a more advantageous arrangement with reasonable effort under the circumstances.
- Following the conflict of interest finding, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.
- Land Conservation Program Update
- After Ms. Norris was readmitted to the meeting, Ms. Healy reported four transactions had closed escrow this year and five more were anticipated to close by the end of August. She noted this would bring the total closings up to nine for 2023 leaving five to close prior to the end of the year.

## **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Baggett adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m.

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Jeff Parks, Secretary