

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Sacramento, CA
November 16, 2022
11:00 am – 11:40 am

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 (via Zoom)
Alternate: OPEN

California Public Utilities Commission Appointed Public Members

Director: Art Baggett Jr. – Present
Director: David Muraki – Present
Director: Chris Nota – Present (via Zoom)

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 (via Zoom)

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 - Absent

U.S. Forest Service

Non-Voting Liaison: Jerry Bird – Absent

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF

Executive Director Erin Healy
Director Programs Steve Schweigerdt
Land Conservation Program Manager Megan Tolbert
Office Administrator Robyn White

OTHERS

Michael Garabedian, public member
Sarah Hug, PG&E Staff Representative

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

- Adoption of the minutes of the July 27, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. (**Consent agenda item**)
- Approval of 2023 Board and Committee meeting calendar as include in meeting packet (**Consent agenda item**)
- Approval of 2023 board and Committee chairs as presented
- Approval of the 2023 Budget Plan as presented
- The Board delegated authority to the Fiduciary Committee to approve the 2023 Budget Plan revisions as needed to reflect actual timing of transaction closing

- The Board approved Board Resolution and Plan of Dissolution as presented in the meeting packet
- The Board approved up to \$700,000 in Enhancement Grant Awards:
- \$50,000 to Spring Rivers Foundation for the Sucker Springs Creek Education Site Enhancement and Vegetation Management project
- \$450,000 to Fall River Valley Community Services District for the Two Rivers Park project
- \$200,000 to California Trout, Inc. for the Hat Creek Restoration Phase II project

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. Pete Bell said he had a perceived conflict of interest regarding the Enhancement Grant Award action for California Trout, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE

Financial update

Ms. Healy explained the financial statements in the packet reflected operating activities for the month-ended October 2022. She said total expenditures year-to-date totaled \$6,180,444 which was \$3,366,709 below budget. She noted Tax Neutrality payment and closing delays were the primary reason.

Approval of 2023 Budget Plan

Ms. Healy presented the 2023 budget plan. She explained the bulk of the \$6.3 Million total budget was allocated to Grants and Direct Assistance.

Ms. Healy said due to some 2022 closings possibly carrying over into 2023 staff was asking the Board to delegate authority to the Fiduciary Committee to approve any 2023 Budget Plan revisions to reflect the actual timing of the transaction closings.

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.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND DISSOLUTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Election of 2023 Officers and Committee chairs

Mr. Baggett presented the list of officers and Committee chairs recommended by the Board Development and Dissolution Committee. The Board then approved the following directors to serve as 2023 officers and Committee chairs:

President: Art Baggett, Jr.

Treasurer/Assistant Secretary: Mike Schonherr

Secretary Vice President/Fiduciary Committee Chair/Assistant Treasurer: Jeffery Parks

Vice President/Board Development and Dissolution Planning Committee Chair: Soapy Mulholland

Vice President: David Muraki

Approval of Board Resolution and Plan of Dissolution

Ms. Healy reviewed highlights of the Board Resolution and Plan of Dissolution. She said the plan called for the identification of all known assets and liabilities, established Sierra Nevada Conservancy as the remainder beneficiary and allowed \$250,000 in cash to be set aside and held in reserve in the Client Trust Account of Adler & Colvin to oversee any lingering business.

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 up to \$1 Million in Enhancement Grant Awards

After Mr. Bell left the room, Mr. Schweigerdt reviewed the three projects staff recommended for Enhancement Grant awards totaling up to \$700,000.

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.

LCP IDs Added to Updated Final LCCPs

After Mr. Bell returned to the room, Mr. Schweigerdt explained due to an extended period of time between final Board approval of a Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP) and regulatory submission, updates may be made to the LCCPs. Updates included acreage changes, new terminology and Land Conservation Plan (LCP) ID numbers of parcels which had been left out because the parcels were initially considered for donation. As staff made these changes no action was required of the Board, but staff did provide an update in public session.

Mr. Schweigerdt then provided an update on LCP ID numbers included in three recently updated retained LCCPs; Hat Creek LCP 185, Battle Creek LCP 326 and Fall River Mills LCPs 107,108,112,119,124,127, 130, and 211.

Land Conservation Program Update

Land Program Manager Megan Tolbert provided an update on transaction status totals and recent and near – term escrow closings. She provided information on three recent closings including Lake Britton and Hat Creek planning unit donation to the Pit River Tribe, Pit River planning unit donation to UC Berkeley Forests and Lake Spaulding planning unit donation to CAL FIRE.

Mr. Schweigerdt provided an update on the Indian Ole enhancement project.

ADDITIOINAL ITEMS

Board Member acknowledgement

Mr. Baggett announced the retirement of Nancee Murray from the Department of Fish and Wildlife at the end of the year noting she would be leaving the Stewardship Council Board at that time. He thanked her for her years of work on the Stewardship Council.

Various Board members then acknowledged and thanked Ms. Murray for her important contributions.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Baggett informed the Board that past Stewardship Council Board member Mike Chrisman had passed away.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baggett adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Jeffery Parks, Secretary