

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Via live webcast
May 12, 2021
1:00 pm – 1:50 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 – Absent
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 – Present
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 – Present
Alternate: Bob Schneider – Absent

Public Advocates Office

Director: Truman Burns – Present

Alternate: Julie Halligan - Absent

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 - Absent

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF

Executive Director Heidi Krolick

Director Programs and Administration Erin Healy

Deputy Director of Land Conservation Steve Schweigerdt

Land Conservation Project Manager Megan Tolbert

Office Administrator Robyn White

Finance and Compliance Administrator Debbie Daugherty

OTHERS

Nils Lunder, North Region Manager, Feather River Land Trust

Kevin Price, Sierra Institute

Troy Kelly, PG&E Staff Representative

Jaimes Swenson, PG&E Staff Representative

Cheryl Davis, PG&E Staff Representative

Dean Henricks, Public Member

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

- Adoption of the minutes of the March 3, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. **(Consent agenda item)**
- Delegation of authority to the Fiduciary Committee to approve organizational document retention policy. **(Consent agenda item)**

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. There were none.

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

Fiduciary Committee Chair Truman Burns introduced the duties of the committee. He then turned the meeting over to Director of Programs and Administration Erin Healy to provide the financial update.

Ms. Healy noted that the February financials were included in the meeting packet, stating that as of February 28, 2021, actual expenditures were approximately \$800,000 below budget, primarily due to a delay in land transaction escrow closings not matching projected program spending for the first part of the year.

Ms. Healy noted almost \$23M in investments and informed the Board that the interest earned so far in 2021 was much lower compared to last year and told the Board to anticipate much lower interest earnings for the rest of this year compared to last.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Ms. Healy noted that she was pleased to report the Stewardship Council had received a clean audit for 2020. She stated the auditor recommended the Stewardship Council's risk management process be shared with the Fiduciary committee and full Board. The internal controls narrative is intended to help identify risks within the organization that could result in fraud or material misstatement of financial statements and identify where strong internal controls help to mitigate the risks. She noted this would be important as the Stewardship Council begins to wind down operations to ensure proper internal controls are maintained with the loss of staff.

Executive Director Heidi Krolick acknowledged John McCamman's suggestion to carefully consider the final audit at dissolution and some of the special considerations that could go in it and thanked him for joining the Committee. She acknowledged and thanked staff, and David Rosen and fellow

Audit Committee members Rebecca Doidge and Lee Adams for their efforts and important oversight during the audit process.

WATERSHED PLANNING COMMITTEE

After Soapy Mulholland introduced the duties of the committee, she turned the meeting over to Mr. Schweigerdt.

Land Conservation Program Update

Mr. Schweigerdt provided the Board with an update regarding the Land Conservation Program. He reported two transactions closed escrow so far this year - Lake Almanor Wetlands donated to the Maidu Summit Consortium and a donation to the US Forest Service at the Lake Britton planning unit. He said 63 transactions completed escrow closing, with 33 remaining escrow closings.

Mr. Schweigerdt then introduced Nils Lunder with Feather River Land Trust (FRLT) and Kevin Price with Sierra Institute to provide an update on the Watershed Grantmaking program involving the Plumas Crew (P-Crew), with funding from Youth Outside.

Mr. Lunder thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them as well as the funding that helped to support the P-Crew. He explained P-Crew is a 5-week immersive camping, leadership, and work force development experience which is a joint project with the Sierra Institute. Mr. Lunder said they were able to pull together youth crews from all over the state and acknowledged Mr. Price for his work with the local county health department to create strict protocols that enabled the youth to get out on the lands and do work in 2020 safely irrespective of Covid-19.

Mr. Lunder then directed the Board's attention to slides of various projects the P-crew had worked on. He explained much of the work centered on the removal of old barbed wire fencing and invasive plant removal. Mr. Lunder noted FRLT was the conservation easement holder and active land partner for the PG&E and Maidu Summit Consortium lands in the Feather River Watershed and expressed interest in continuing the ongoing work of the P-Crew. Two videos were then shown showcasing the work of the P-Crew and the difference this program is making in the lives of urban and rural youth.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baggett adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Nancee Murray, Secretary