

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Sacramento, CA
November 13, 2019
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

ATTENDANCE

Association of California Water Agencies

Director: Dave Eggerton - Absent
Alternate: Melissa Sparks-Kranz – Absent

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Director: Nancee Murray – Present
Alternate: OPEN

California Farm Bureau Federation

Director: Karen Mills – Absent
Alternate: Noelle Cremers – Absent

California Forestry Association

Director: Kirstin Kolpitcke – 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 - Absent
Alternate: Deidre Cyprian - Present

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: Darcie Houck – Absent

California Tribal Interests

Director: Larry Myers – Absent
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 – 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: John Viegas – 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 - Present

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF

Executive Director Heidi Krolick
Director of Land Conservation Erin Healy
Director of Finance and Operations Aaron Robertson
Land Conservation Program Manager Steve Schweigerdt
Land Conservation Project Manager Megan Tolbert
Office Administrator Robyn White
Finance and Compliance Administrator Debbie Daugherty

OTHERS

No members of the public were present

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

- Adoption of the minutes of the September 18, 2019 Board of directors meeting. **(Consent calendar item)**
- Approval of 2020 Board and committee meeting calendar as presented. **(Consent calendar item)**

- Approval of the election of 2020 officers and committee chairs as presented.
- Approval of the 2020 Annual Budget Plan as presented.
- Approval of the proposed Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP) for lands to be donated to the Fall River Resource Conservation District (RCD) at the Fall River Mills (Rifle and Pistol Club) planning unit, which LCCP describes how the proposed transaction conforms to and fulfills the requirements of the 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation; approval of the proposed conservation easement funding agreement in the amount of \$133,708 between the Stewardship Council and Shasta Land Trust.
- With the approval of the Fall River Mills (Rifle and Pistol Club) RCD donated LCCP, the remaining Shasta County donated LCCPs shall be considered and acted on by the Board as distinct and independent transactions.

ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM

Stewardship Council Board President 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.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Approval of 2020 Officers and Committee Chairs

Mr. Baggett presented the list of officers and committee chairs recommended by the Board Development Committee. The Board then approved the following directors to serve as 2020 officers and committee chairs:

President and Board Development Committee Chair: Art Baggett, Jr.

Treasurer/Assistant Secretary: Mike Schonherr

Secretary: Nancee Murray

Vice President/Watershed Planning Committee Chair: Soapy Mulholland

Vice President/Youth Investment Committee Chair: David Muraki
Vice President/Fiduciary Committee Chair/Assistant Treasurer: Truman Burns

YOUTH INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Director of Finance and Operations Aaron Robertson reported he, Executive Director Heidi Krolick and Chris Nota recently attended Youth Outside's (YO) Community Benefit Breakfast.

Mr. Robertson also said YO had recently sent out a blast email acknowledging the Stewardship Council and announcing the 2020 grantmaking period will be the final solicitation of grants using funds from the 2013 Major Grant Agreement between the Stewardship Council and YO.

FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE

Mr. Robertson reviewed the 2019 year to date budget included in the Board packet. He noted year-to-date, through September, expenditures totaled \$4,048,447 compared to a budget of \$8,198,842. He explained general and administrative expenses were \$260K below the budgeted amount of \$1M due largely to a difference between budgeted and actual staffing. Contractual expenses were almost \$395K below a budget of \$1M.

Mr. Robertson noted the investment account balance at the end of September totaled \$31,613.864 with investment interest year to date totaling \$600,143.

Mr. Robertson then provided an overview of the proposed 2020 Annual Budget Plan, reviewed by the Fiduciary Committee. He noted the Fiduciary Committee did not take an action due to the absence of a quorum although all committee members present had approved of the budget. The 2020 Budget includes \$13.7M in total expenses, almost \$2.4M more than the 2019 budget. Mr. Robertson said the 2020 budget was based on current staffing levels and 22 estimated escrow closings, associated endowment and tax neutrality payments and \$3.7M in enhancement grant awards. After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board approved the 2020 Annual Budget Plan as presented.

WATERSHED PLANNING COMMITTEE

Fall River Mills planning unit (*ACTION*)

Mr. Schweigerdt reviewed the proposed LCCP for the lands to be donated to the RCD at the Fall River Mills (Rifle and Pistol Club) planning unit. The LCCP pertains to the donation of approximately 450 acres of land by PG&E and includes the proposed conservation easement recommended to be held by Shasta Land Trust.

Mr. Schweigerdt reviewed the management plan and actions the Rifle and Pistol Club has taken to prevent migration of lead from the site. Soapy Mulholland asked why the Rifle and Pistol Club was not requiring leadless bullets. A conversation ensued regarding the potential for soil contamination and how contamination would be monitored. Mike Schonherr pointed out there were standards established in the current lease and the RCD would be assuming the agreement. Mr. Schonherr also noted the provision in the conservation easement which states that as third party uses, such as the

lease, are renewed or replaced, the land owner and conservation easement holder would work to ensure the existing use and conservation values are brought into alignment to the extent reasonably practicable. Mr. Schweigerdt further noted state and local authorities would also enforce regulations regarding contamination, but soil testing would be outside the scope of the conservation easement holder, which is focused on the broader Beneficial Public Values.

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.

Additional Shasta County land donations (ACTION)

David Muraki proposed an action be taken to clarify the Board's process for approving the Fall River Mills (Rifle and Pistol Club) LCCP and the remaining LCCPs for the additional Shasta County land donations. Nancee Murray noted the intent that each LCCP would be processed and brought to the Board as it is ready for consideration.

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

Director of Land Conservation Erin Healy provided the Board with an update regarding the Land Conservation Program. She reported on the success of the recent Humbug Valley closing ceremony and shared some photos of the event.

Ms. Krolick announced that Ms. Mulholland would be retiring from her position as Executive Director of Sequoia Riverlands Trust at the end of the year and congratulated her. Ms. Krolick noted Ms. Mulholland would remain on the Board of the Stewardship Council.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baggett adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Nancee Murray, Secretary