

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Sacramento, CA
November 15, 2018
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Association of California Water Agencies
Director: OPEN
Alternate: Dave Bolland – Present

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Director: Nancee Murray – Present
Alternate: OPEN

California Farm Bureau Federation
Director: Karen Mills – Present
Alternate: Noelle Cremers – Absent

California Forestry Association
Director: Kirsten Kolpitcke – 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 – Present
Director: Chris Nota – Present

California Natural Resources Agency
Director: John Laird – Absent
Alternate: Brady Moss – 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: Truman Burns – 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: John Viegas – Absent

State Water Resources Control Board

Director: DeeDee D'Adamo – Absent
Alternate: Jeffrey Parks – Absent

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 Heidi Krolick
Director of Land Conservation Jessica Daugherty
Director of Finance and Operations Aaron Robertson
Deputy Director of Land Conservation Erin Healy
Senior Project Manager Steve Schweigerdt
Project Manager Lauren Faccinto
Office Administrator Robyn White

OTHERS

Todd Ferrara, Vice President, Governmental Affairs, Tejon Ranch Co.

Helge Eng, Deputy Director, Resource Management, CAL FIRE

Kevin Conway, State Forest Program Manager, CAL FIRE

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

- Adoption of the minutes of the September 19, 2018 Board of directors meeting. **(Consent calendar item)**
- Approval of 2019 Board and committee meeting calendar as presented with the exception of the September board meeting and field tour dates being moved to September 18 and 19, 2019. **(Consent calendar item)**
- Approval of the election of 2019 officers and committee chairs as presented.
- Approval of the Consensus and Collaboration Program to serve as the mediator for board member disputes.
- Approval of the 2019 Annual Budget Plan as presented.
- Approval of the proposed Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP) for lands to be retained by PG&E at the Manzanita Lake 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 between the Stewardship Council and Sierra Foothill Conservancy.
- Approval of CALFIRE as the recipient of fee title to approximately 1,581 acres available for donation within parcels in the Bear River planning unit. This action supersedes the previous fee donee recommendations made in the Bear River planning unit.

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 noted his conflict of interest related to the Manzanita Lake Planning Unit action and asked if any other Board members had a conflict of interest with regard to any of the proposed actions. John McCamman disclosed a perceived conflict of interest regarding the Manzanita Lake planning unit action. Brady Moss disclosed he had a perceived conflict regarding the Bear River planning unit action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Helge Eng, Deputy Director, Resource Management was present and provided comments pertaining to the action involving the Bear River planning unit.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Krolick noted Kirstin Kolpitcke and Karen Mills' suggestion that the September board meeting date be reconsidered due to a conflict with the legislative calendar. Ms. Krolick proposed the

meeting and field tour date be changed to September 18 and 19, 2019. The Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Recognition of former board member Todd Ferrara

Mr. Baggett presented outgoing board member Todd Ferrara with a plaque to thank him for his service on the Stewardship Council board and said it had been a pleasure to work with him. Mr. Ferrara thanked the Stewardship Council and acknowledged the important work done by the board.

Approval of 2019 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 2019 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

Selection of Dispute Resolution Mediator

After board members had an opportunity to ask questions or offer comments, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE

Fiduciary Committee Chair, Truman Burns, reviewed the 2018 year to date budget included in the Board packet. He noted year-to-date, through September, expenditures totaled \$3,049,156 compared to a budget of \$8,734,846, a variance of \$5,685,691 below budget.

He then turned the meeting over to Director of Finance and Operations Aaron Robertson.

Mr. Robertson then provided an overview of the proposed 2019 Annual Budget Plan that the Fiduciary Committee had reviewed and recommended for Board approval. The 2019 Budget includes \$11,802,349 in total expenses, plus a contingency of \$214,791. Mr. Robertson pointed out the budget included \$540K for additional Shasta County survey work. After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board approved the 2019 Annual Budget Plan as presented.

WATERSHED PLANNING COMMITTEE

Manzanita Lake planning unit (*ACTION*)

After Mr. Baggett and Mr. McCamman left the room, Mr. Muraki reviewed the purpose of the Watershed Planning Committee. He then turned the meeting over to Senior Project Manager Steve Schweigerdt.

Mr. Schweigerdt reviewed the proposed LCCP for the lands to be retained by PG&E at the Manzanita Lake planning unit. The LCCP pertains to the retention of 330 acres of land by PG&E and includes the proposed conservation easement recommended to be held by Sierra Foothill Conservancy. He also announced that Madera County provided a letter requesting expediting of enhancement funds to mitigate fire risk on the donated property in the Manzanita Lake planning unit, which the Planning Committee will discuss on December 6.

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.

Bear River planning unit (*ACTION*)

After Mr. Baggett and Mr. McCamman returned to the room and Mr. Moss left the room, Mr. Schweigerdt provided background on approximately 1,581 acres within parcels in the Bear River planning unit recommended for donation to CAL FIRE.

Mr. Schweigerdt invited Mr. Eng from CAL FIRE to address the board.

Mr. Eng thanked the Stewardship Council and PG&E. He acknowledged that CAL FIRE recognized there were challenges with the property but they were committed to accepting the property as is. He noted the mid elevation property was important for research and emphasized the recreation potential of the property.

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 Jessica Daugherty provided the Board with an update regarding the Land Conservation Program. She noted the recent closings of Willow Creek and Kerckhoff

Reservoir. She also highlighted the successful Stewardship Council Board field tour from the previous day to the Lake Spaulding planning unit.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baggett adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Nancee Murray, Secretary