

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Sacramento, CA

May 3, 2017

1:10 pm – 1:40 pm

ATTENDANCE

Association of California Water Agencies

Director: Tim Quinn – Absent

Alternate: Dave Bolland – Absent

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Director: Sandra Morey – Present

Alternate: Nancee Murray – Absent

California Farm Bureau Federation

Director: Karen Mills – Present

Alternate: Noelle Cremers – Absent

California Forestry Association

Director: Kirsten Kolpitcke – Absent

Alternate: David Bischel – 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. – Absent

Director: David Muraki – Present

Director: Chris Nota - Present

California Natural Resources Agency

Director: John Laird – Absent

Alternate: Todd Ferrara – 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

Office of Ratepayer Advocates

Director: Truman Burns – Present
Alternate: OPEN

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Director: Mike Schonherr – Present
Alternate: OPEN

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 – Present

Trust for Public Land

Director: Dave Sutton – Absent
Alternate: Ann Cole - Absent

U.S. Forest Service

Non-Voting Liaison: Liz Berger - Present

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF

Executive Director Allene Zanger
Deputy Executive Director Heidi Krolick
Finance and Operations Manager Aaron Robertson
Director of Land Conservation Jessica Daugherty
Senior Project Manager Chantz Joyce
Senior Project Manager Steve Schweigerdt
Associate Project Manager Lauren Faccinto
Administrative Assistant Robyn White

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

- Adoption of the minutes of the March 15, 2017 board of directors (Board) meeting. **(Consent calendar item)**
- The Board approved a change in the principal office for the transaction of the business of the Stewardship Council from San Mateo to the following location: 3300 Douglas Blvd. Suite 250, Roseville, California 95661 **(Consent calendar item)**

- The Board approved Sacramento, California as the location of the September 20, 2017 board meeting (**Consent calendar item**)
- The Board approved the proposed LCCP for the lands to be donated to USFS at the Fordyce (White Rock) Lake planning unit, which LCCP describes how the proposed transactions conform to and fulfill the requirements of the 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation.
- The Board approved the proposed No Significant Public Interest Value (NSPIV) finding for 25.5 acres within 17 parcels of the Lower Drum planning unit.

ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM

Stewardship Council Board Vice President Soapy Mulholland called the roll, declared a quorum, and called the meeting to order.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Ms. Mulholland asked if any Board members had a conflict of interest with regard to any of the proposed actions.

Liz Berger disclosed she had a conflict of interest regarding the action item pertaining to the LCCP for the Fordyce (White Rock) Lake planning unit.

David Muraki disclosed he had a potential conflict of interest regarding the action item pertaining to the NSPIV finding at the Lower Drum planning unit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Mulholland noted there were no members of the public present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

WATERSHED PLANNING COMMITTEE

Director of Land Conservation, Jessica Daugherty, provided an overview of the Watershed Planning Committee's duties and then called on staff to present the action items.

Fordyce (White Rock) Lake Planning Unit (ACTION)

After Ms. Berger left the room, Senior Project Manager Steve Schweigerdt reviewed the Watershed Planning Committee's recommendation that the Board approve the proposed LCCP for the lands to be donated to the United States Forest Service (USFS) at the Fordyce (White Rock) Lake planning

unit. The LCCP pertains to 77.49 acres of land recommended for donation to the USFS. He said that Sierra Nevada Conservancy would hold the conservation covenant over the property. He also stated that agreement had been reached with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy on the amount of Stewardship Council funding that would be provided for this conservation covenant.

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

- 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 findings, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at Board meeting.

Lower Drum – No Significant Public Interest Value Finding (ACTION)

After Ms. Berger returned to the room and Mr. Muraki left the room, Associate Project Manager, Lauren Faccinto provided background information regarding a proposed finding of NSPIV on 25.5 acres within 17 parcels of the Lower Drum planning unit.

Ms. Faccinto referred the board members to detailed information in the Board packet and reviewed the candidate parcels and the process the NSPIV work group and the Watershed Planning Committee went through in order to determine the recommendation for the NSPIV finding. She also indicated that the proposed NSPIV finding was made available for a 30 day public review and comment period. Public comments and questions were received from several stakeholders who did not object to a NSPIV finding but wanted assurances that the finding did not impact their property or any public interest.

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

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Following the conflict of interest findings, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at Board meeting.

Land Conservation Program Update

After Mr. Muraki returned to the room, Ms. Daugherty provided the Board with an update regarding the Land Conservation Program.

FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE

Chair Truman Burns provided a financial report. He provided a budget update noting that Stewardship Council expenditures through March 2017 remain under budget.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Mulholland congratulated Lee Adams for being appointed by the Governor to the Commission on State Mandates.

Deputy Executive Director Heidi Krolick announced that following the June 21, 2017 board meeting there will be a farewell reception for outgoing Executive Director Allene Zanger.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mulholland adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:40 p.m.

Mike Schonherr, Assistant Secretary