



## Draft - Meeting Minutes

### Technical Advisory Group

Julie Chambon  
Monica Cooper  
Albert Filipelli (*Chair*)  
Miguel Garcia (*Vice-Chair*)  
Mathias Kondolf

Brian D. Bordona, Director  
Chris Apallas, County Counsel  
Jamison Crosby, Natural Resources Manager  
Brendan McGovern, Principal Planner  
Nick Fetherston, Planner II  
Alexandria Quackenbush, Meeting Clerk  
Angie Ramirez-Vega, Meeting Clerk  
Aime Ramos, Meeting Clerk

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Thursday, December 11, 2025

1:30 PM

Board of Supervisors Chambers  
1195 Third Street, Third Floor

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**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Group Members Present: Chair Albert Filipelli, Matt Kondolf, Miguel Garcia, Julie Chambon

Absent: Monica Cooper

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

(1) Public comment was heard.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Member Kondolf to approve minutes for the September 11, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Member Garcia.

Vote: Carried 4-0-0

Yes: Chambon, Garcia, Filipelli, Kondolf

No: N/A

**4. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jamison Crosby made the announcements below:

- The request for qualifications for the Certification Pilot Program was released on October 20<sup>th</sup> and the deadline to submit is December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- Napa County Board of Supervisors/Groundwater Sustainability Agency approved a resolution to adopt fees for groundwater users in the Napa Valley Subbasin.

Brendan McGovern provided an update on the CalSIP Stream Gage Improvement Grant.

Member Garcia reported that the Napa RCD has been involved with the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance on a dry farming study.

## 5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A.** Elect officers (Chair and Vice-Chair) for 2026 for the Technical Advisory Group (TAG).  
Motion made by Chair Filipelli and seconded by Member Chambon to elect Member Kondolf as Chair and Miguel Garcia as Vice-Chair.  
Vote: Carried 4-0-0  
Yes: Chambon, Garcia, Filipelli, Kondolf  
No: N/A
- B.** In this item the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will review the proposed draft 2026 TAG meeting calendar for discussion and decision. The calendar proposes a schedule of meetings and topics for 2026 TAG meetings.  
Motion made by Member Kondolf and seconded by Chair Filipelli to approve the 2026 TAG meeting calendar, as presented.  
Vote: Carried 4-0-0  
Yes: Chambon, Garcia, Filipelli, Kondolf  
No: N/A
- C.** The TAG will receive an update on the use of satellite and land-based remote sensing data for analysis of evapotranspiration and information that can be used to refine vineyard water use estimates for Napa Valley Subbasin integrated hydrologic modeling purposes.  
Dr. Andrew McElrone, USDA scientist, gave a presentation.  
(1) Public comment was heard.  
Chair Filipelli initiated a discussion.  
No action was taken.
- D.** Andrew Fisher, Professor at University of Santa Cruz, and Lisa Lurie, Executive Director of the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County will make a presentation to the TAG on an innovative groundwater sustainability approach being implemented by the Pajaro Valley Groundwater Management Agency that incentivizes growers to capture and infiltrate surplus stormwater.  
Lisa Lurie, Executive Director of the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County and Andrew Fisher, Professor at University of Santa Cruz gave a presentation.  
(3) Public comments were heard.  
Chair Filipelli initiated a discussion.  
No action was taken.
- E.** Technical Advisory Group (TAG) members will receive a presentation on Project 1 of GSP Implementation: Managed Aquifer Recharge, including an update on the feasibility study underway. The TAG will also receive an update on current vineyards following in Napa Valley. This is intended to spur discussion, questions and provide feedback to staff and participants.  
Duncan MacEwan, ERA and Nick Newcomb, LSCE gave a presentation.  
Chair Filipelli initiated a discussion.  
(2) Public comments were heard.  
No action was taken.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

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AIME RAMOS, Meeting Clerk