



Meeting Minutes

Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Scott Sedgley, City of Napa (Chairperson)

Brad Wagenknecht, District 1 (Vice-Chairperson)

Irais Lopez-Ortega, City of Calistoga

Diane Dillon, District 3

John Dunbar, Town of Yountville

Geoff Ellsworth, City of St. Helena

Leon Garcia, City of American Canyon

Ryan Gregory, District 2

Beth Painter, City of Napa

Alfredo Pedroza, District 4

Belia Ramos, District 5

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

1:30 PM

**Board of Supervisors Chambers
1195 Third Street, Third Floor**

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Brad Wagenknecht, Directors Alfredo Pedroza, Belia Ramos, Beth Painter, Diane Dillon, Irais Lopez-Ortega, John Dunbar, Geoff Ellsworth, Leon Garcia, Ryan Gregory and Vice Chair Scott Sedgley. The meeting was called to order by Chair Brad Wagenknecht.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Brad Wagenknecht led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

4. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

None

5. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. District Manager and District Secretary request approval and adoption of the 2022 meeting calendar for the Board of Directors of the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) pursuant to District Bylaws. [21-1216](#)

Motion Text: Approve requested actions.

Voting Yes: Gregory, Garcia, Dillon, Dunbar, Ellsworth, Lopez-Ortega,
Painter, Pedroza, Ramos, Sedgley and Wagenknecht

Recusals: None

Result: Passed

- B. District Manager requests approval of and authorization for the Chairperson to sign an amendment to Agreement 210249B (FC) with the Gasser Foundation and Burbank Housing Development Corporation increasing the maximum compensation to \$125,000 and extending the period of performance for the work. [21-1256](#)

Motion Text: Approve requested actions.

Voting Yes: Dunbar, Ellsworth, Dillon, Garcia, Lopez-Ortega
Painter, Pedroza, Ramos, Sedgley and Wagenknecht

Recusals: Gregory

Result: Passed

6. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

One (1) person spoke during public comment.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. District Manager requests presentation of, and seeks direction on, Napa countywide water supply and drought management website elements. [21-1264](#)

District Manager Richard Thomasser made presentation.

Director of Public Works Steven Lederer made presentation.

Two (2) people spoke during public comment.

Discussion held.

Direction provided to staff.

- B. District Manager requests approval of a Resolution making findings and declaring its intent to continue remote teleconference meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953 due to the Governor's Proclamation of State Emergency and state and local recommendations related to physical distancing due to the threat of COVID-19. [21-1302](#)

Deputy County Counsel Shana Bagley made presentation.

Motion Text: Approve requested actions.

**Voting Yes: Pedroza, Dillon, Dunbar, Ellsworth, Garcia, Gregory,
Lopez-Ortega, Painter, Ramos, Wagenknecht and Sedgley**

Recusals: None

Result: Passed

Enactment No: R-2021-09 (FC)

9. SET MATTERS OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Geoff Ellsworth reported on supporting the idea of the pie chart shown in the previous presentation by staff. Director Ellsworth also inquired about debris maintenance in the streams in St. Helena and supports beaver habitats being a source of fire resiliency against potential wildfires.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Leon Garcia requested a discussion regarding representation on the North Bay Watershed Association be agendaized at a future meeting.

12. DISTRICT MANAGER'S/ENGINEER'S REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Manager Richard Thomasser introduced District Engineer Chris Silke to report on the State Water Project (SWP) allocation.

District Engineer Chris Silke reported on the water levels for Lake Orville being at a record low of 30% below the normal level. This is now considered a minimum safe and healthy standard and there is no expectation to receive any additional allocation of water.

13. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[**21-1062**](#)

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4):
(1 Case)

Deputy County Counsel Shana Bagley stated "a motion made by Director Dillon, seconded by Director Ellsworth, the Board unanimously voted to authorize County Counsel and the District Manger to initiate litigation. The identity of the defendant or defendants and other particulars about the actions shall be disclosed once formally commenced to any person upon inquiry unless doing so would jeopardize the District's ability to effectuate service or process or jeopardize the District's ability to conclude any additional negotiations. No other reportable action was taken in Closed Session."

14. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN TO THE NAPA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 1:30 P.M.

Neha Hoskins (By e-signature)

NEHA HOSKINS, District Secretary