



Meeting Minutes

Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Joelle Gallagher, District 1 (Chairperson)
Scott Sedgley, City of Napa (Vice Chairperson)
Liz Alessio, District 2
Anne Cottrell, District 3
Christopher DeNatale, City of Napa
Paul Dohring, City of St. Helena
Irais Lopez-Ortega, City of Calistoga
Amber Manfree, District 4
Marjorie Mohler, Town of Yountville
Belia Ramos, District 5
Pierre Washington, City of American Canyon

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

1:30 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Joelle Gallagher, Vice-Chairperson Scott Sedgley, Directors Liz Alessio, Anne Cottrell, Christopher DeNatale, Paul Dohring, Amber Manfree, Marjorie Mohler, Belia Ramos, and Pierre Washington. Director Irais Lopez-Ortega was excused from the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joelle Gallagher.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

District Deputy County Counsel Shana Bagley led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

None

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Text: Approve the Consent Calendar.

Voting Yes: Cottrell, Alessio, DeNatale, Dohring, Manfree, Mohler, Ramos, Sedgley, Washington, and Gallagher

Voting No: None

Excused: Lopez-Ortega

Recusals: None

Result: Passed

A. Approve minutes from the October 14, 2025 meeting.

[25-960](#)

[25-1858](#)

B. Approval and adoption of the 2026 meeting calendar for the Board of Directors of the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) pursuant to District Bylaws. (No Fiscal Impact)

[25-1905](#)

C. Approve and authorize Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 220322B (FC) with Associated Right of Way Services for the Napa River/ Napa Creek Flood Protection Project - Floodwalls North of the Bypass and Hatt to Imola Floodwalls to increase maximum compensation by \$120,000 for a maximum compensation of \$2,033,000. (Fiscal Impact: \$120,000; Flood District - Flood Project; Budgeted; Discretionary)

Enactment No: A-220322B (FC) Amend. 4

[25-2027](#)

D. Accept and file the Financial Audit Report and the Single Audit Report of Federal Awards for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, completed by Brown Armstrong, CPAs. (No Fiscal Impact)

5. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

[25-828](#)

A. Approve and authorize Agreement No. 260237B with OneRain Inc. for \$30,000 for services related to operation and technical support associated with the Countywide network of stream and rain fall gauges (ALERT system) using Contrail and Elements 360 software. (Fiscal Impact: \$30,000 Expense; Flood District - Watershed Projects Budget; Budgeted; Discretionary)

Watershed & Flood Control District Operations Manager Jeremy Sarrow made a presentation.

Discussion held.

Motion Text: Approve the requested action.

Voting Yes: Manfree, Alessio, Cottrell Cruz, DeNatale, Dohring, Mohler, Ramos, Sedgley, Washington, and Gallagher

Voting No: None

Recusals: None

Excused: Lopez-Ortega

Result: Passed

Enactment No: A-260237B (FC)

- B. Update on the progress of the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project. (No Fiscal Impact)

[25-1949](#)

Watershed & Flood Control District Manager Richard Thomasser and District Engineer Andrew Butler made a presentation.

Discussion held.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

Watershed & Flood Control District Engineering Manager Chris Silke provided an update on state water. The Yuba Water Accord Initiative will be renewed this month as it has for the past 5 years. The initiative is a backstop for dry and critically dry year types. The water is expensive due to market demands; prices range from \$300- \$525 per acre foot, versus our current agreement with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), where we are paying under \$100 per acre foot.

Silke reported that the area of origin litigation is ongoing with DWR. The NOD3 contractors have received a counter proposal on term revision to the 2013 settlement agreement dispute. This is being evaluated by water contractor staff and plaintiff's counsel. Agreement will need to be reached to avoid trial in 2026.

Silke reported that the initial allocation notice to contractors has gone out. We have received 20% allocation for the north of Delta and 10% allocation for south of Delta, which equates to 5,805 acre feet, which is about half the average annual use.

Silke reported that the San Luis Reservoir is encroaching upon the shared portion with the Central Valley Project. There is a 95% chance that the Reservoir will spill over, which will result in less carry-over for all contractors. Silke anticipates that the District will lose all or part of the carry-over that has been stored in San Luis Reservoir. Silke will provide an update at the February meeting.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Paul Dohring requested written agenda items for the District Manager's and Engineer's reports and announcements rather than just the oral report.

Director Anne Cottrell concurred with this request and to include a brief summary of projects underway for the new year and new members.

Director Amber Manfree reported that the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) had guest presenters at the past few meetings, and their presentations are available in the calendar area of the NBWA website.

Director Anne Cottrell reported that Watershed Information and Conservation Council had a presentation at the last Board of Supervisors meeting and are trying to "revision" the group. She encouraged anyone with input to provide it to the Board of Supervisors.

12. CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION OF LITIGATION (Govt Code section 54956.9(d)(4)) (one potential case)

[25-1981](#)

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN TO THE NAPA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 9:00 AM.

NEHA HOSKINS, District Secretary