



Special Board Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2026 | 3:30 PM-5:30 PM

District Directors Present: Joe Dutton, President; Guy Smith, Director; Elias Zegarra, Director, Temra Costa, Director

Associate Directors Present: Joel Butterworth, Arthur Deicke

Staff Present: Brittany Jensen, Noelle Johnson, Rebecca Vedder, Jose Guzman, Joe Pozzi, Will Spangler, John Green, Sierra Cantor, Eliza Jacops.

Public Present: Chase Garcia, Brody Mccutcheon, Cindy Orme, Chelsey Rios, Steve Cicatelli, Natalie MacKay, Dyllan, Jennifer Langford, Jason Kamine, Amber – Rage Construction, Jeff Haram, Triste Rege, Jonathan Musman, Kalloch Fox.

1. Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions

Meeting was called to order 3:29 pm.

2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B))

Action Items 6-B and 6-C were moved to the top of the meeting agenda to respect the time of the contractors present.

3. Public Comment: Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).

None.

4. Informational Items

a. Gold Ridge RCD Updates & Notices

Discussed rescheduling the Agricultural Workshop with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Provided an update on the new Director for Permit Sonoma.

b. Santa Rosa Plain GSA Update

Elias Zegarra provided a verbal update on the most recent GSA Board meeting.

c. Finance Committee Update

No action items to report.

d. NRCS Updates

Chase Garcia provided an update on program participation. Noted an increase in applications compared to previous periods.

e. Canceling Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting- April 16

Board agreed to cancel meeting if no pressing items needed attention.

f. Sonoma County General Plan Update

The County General Plan process is ongoing.

g. Request for Proposals for Auditing and Legal Services

Discussed issuing a Request for Proposals for legal services due to current legal counsel retiring.

Discussed initiating an official request process for auditing services.

Note that the GSA has recently switched legal counsel.

5. Consent Calendar

a. February 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, March 2026 Grant Status Report, Warrant Requests

Motion to approve item 5a: 1st Smith / 2nd Costa. Ayes: Zegarra, Costa, Smith, Dutton. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: None.

6. Action Items

a. Appointment recommendation of Arthur Deicke to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors for appointment consideration contingent upon receipt of Designated Agent of District resident. (Brittany Jensen)

Motion to approve item 6a: 1st Costa / 2nd Zegarra. Ayes: Dutton, Zegarra, Costa, Smith. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: None.

b. Construction contract award for Lower Green Valley Creek Off-Channel Habitat Enhancement Project – Confluence Reach (John Green)

Joe Dutton recused himself from Action Item 6b.

Public comment:

- Teddy Hanford from Hanford ARC requested clarification on the bid criteria, specifically regarding the experience required to complete the project and the board selection for this action item.*
- Mason from Sierra Pipeline shared he would do a good job and had subs qualified to perform log work.*

Motion to approve item 6b with awarded contract going to Sierra Pipeline: 1st Costa / 2nd Zegarra. Ayes: Zegarra, Costa, Smith. Recused: Dutton. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: None.

c. Revegetation contract award for Lower Green Valley Creek Off-Channel Habitat Enhancement Project – Confluence Reach (John Green)

Natalie MacKay made a public comment regarding the irrigation system segment of the bid and how this element affected the project's bid final criteria score.

Motion to approve awarding contract to Triangle. 1st Smith / 2nd Costa. Ayes: Dutton, Costa, Smith. Abstentions: Zegarra. Nays: None. Absent: None

d. Approval of Executive Director to enter into contract with Prunuske Chatham, Inc., for engineering oversight and monitoring of Lower Green Valley Creek Off-Channel

Habitat Enhancement Project – Confluence Reach (*John Green*)

Motion to approve item 6d: 1st Smith / 2nd Zegarra Ayes: Dutton, Zegarra, Costa, Smith. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: None.

- e. Amendment of contract with Brelje and Race Consulting Engineers for engineering services for Alliance Redwoods Water Conservation Project (*John Green*)

Motion to approve item 6e: 1st Costa / 2nd Smith. Ayes: Dutton, Zegarra, Costa, Smith. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: None.

7. Recess to Closed Session: Pursuant to Brown Act Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Evaluation Position: Executive Director, Annual Evaluation

8. Report from closed session

No action taken.

9. Future Agenda Items

- a. Draft FY 26/27 Budget
- b. Line of Credit
- c. Quarterly Financials

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM