

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

Sacramento, CA  
November 15, 2017  
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm

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**ATTENDANCE**

*Association of California Water Agencies*  
Director: Tim Quinn – Absent  
Alternate: Dave Bolland – Absent

*California Department of Fish and Wildlife*  
Director: Nancee Murray – Present  
Alternate: OPEN

*California Farm Bureau Federation*  
Director: Karen Mills – Absent  
Alternate: Noelle Cremers – Present

*California Forestry Association*  
Director: Kirsten Kolpitcke – Present  
Alternate: George Gentry – Present

*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. – Present  
Director: David Muraki – Absent  
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 – Absent  
Alternate: Bob Schneider – Absent

*Office of Ratepayer Advocates*

Director: Truman Burns – Present  
Alternate: OPEN

*Pacific Gas & Electric Company*

Director: Mike Schonherr – Present  
Alternate: Rebecca Doidge - Absent

*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 - Absent

## **STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF**

Executive Director Heidi Krolick  
Director of Land Conservation Jessica Daugherty  
Finance and Operations Manager Aaron Robertson  
Deputy Director of Land Conservation Erin Healy  
Senior Project Manager Steve Schweigerdt  
Administrative Assistant Robyn White

## **OTHERS**

Ellie Routt, Executive Director, Mother Lode Land Trust

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

- Adoption of the minutes of the September 20, 2017 Board of directors meeting. **(Consent calendar item)**
- Approval of 2018 Board and committee meeting calendar as presented. **(Consent calendar item)**

- Approval of providing the Fall River Resource Conservation District (RCD) with \$149,500 to pay half of the salary for the hiring of a Full Time Range Manager for a 5 year period for any watershed lands recommended to the RCD, which is consistent with the \$1.76 million allocation previously approved by the Board with a shortened Dispute Notice Period of five business days after the minutes of the Board meeting are distributed. **(Consent calendar item)**
- Approval of the election of 2018 officers and committee chairs as presented.
- Approval of the 2018 Annual Budget Plan as presented.
- Approval of the revisions to Stewardship Council's Property Tax Neutrality Methodology and Property Tax Neutrality Guidelines as recommended by the Fiduciary Committee with a shortened Dispute Notice Period of five business days after the minutes of the Board meeting are distributed.
- Approval of the proposed Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP) for lands to be retained by PG&E at the Lyons Reservoir planning unit, which LCCP describes how the proposed transaction conforms to and fulfills the requirements of the 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation; approval of the proposed conservation easement funding agreement between the Stewardship Council and the Mother Lode Land Trust.

## **ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM**

Stewardship Council Board President Art Baggett called the roll, declared a quorum, and called the meeting to order.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES**

Mr. Baggett asked if any Board members had a conflict of interest with regard to any of the proposed actions. Lee Adams stated he had a conflict of interest regarding the Property Tax Neutrality Methodology and Guidelines actions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ellie Routt, Executive Director of Mother Lode Land Trust was present and provided comment pertaining to the action involving Lyons Reservoir as noted below. No other members of the public were present.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Baggett noted that the consent agenda item related to McArthur Swamp had been modified slightly from the agenda posted on the website last week. The Board approved the consent calendar items as noted above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at Board meeting.

## **BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### ***Approval of 2018 Officers and Committee Chairs***

Mr. Baggett presented the list of officers and committee chairs recommended by the Board Development Committee. The Board then approved the following directors to serve as 2018 officers and committee chairs:

President and Board Development Committee Chair: Art Baggett, Jr.

Treasurer/Assistant Secretary: Mike Schonherr

Secretary: Nancee Murray

Vice President/Watershed Planning Committee Chair: Soapy Mulholland

Vice President/Youth Investment Committee Chair: David Muraki

Vice President/Fiduciary Committee Chair/Assistant Treasurer: Truman Burns

## **FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE**

Fiduciary Committee Chair, Truman Burns, turned the meeting over to Finance and Operations Manager Aaron Robertson.

Mr. Robertson reviewed the 2017 year to date budget included in the Board packet. He pointed out that the \$1.3 million payment to Shasta County for property tax neutrality related to the McArthur Swamp planning unit had not been factored into the 2017 budget assumptions as it was not expected to close this year. The payment, however, will be offset by lower expenditures in other categories assuring total expenses do not to exceed the annual budget for 2017.

Mr. Robertson then provided an overview of the proposed 2018 Annual Budget Plan that the Fiduciary Committee had reviewed and recommended for Board approval. The 2018 Budget includes \$11,388,908 in total expenses. Capital expenses include \$4,500 increasing total planned expenditures to \$11,393,408. After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board approved the 2018 Annual Budget Plan as presented.

After Mr. Adams left the room, Mr. Robertson then provided background information on the Stewardship Council's amended Property Tax Neutrality Methodology and Guidelines that reflect the board's previous decision to offer only a lump sum tax neutrality payment option.

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

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

## **WATERSHED PLANNING COMMITTEE**

After Mr. Adams returned to the room, Senior Project Manager Steve Schweigerdt reviewed the proposed LCCP for the lands to be retained by PG&E at the Lyons Reservoir planning unit. The LCCP pertains to the retention of 460 acres of land by PG&E and includes the proposed conservation easement recommended to be held by Mother Lode Land Trust (MLLT).

Mr. Schweigerdt reviewed how the proposed LCCP had been brought to the Board at its September meeting, however the Board decided to postpone action until the November 15, 2017 Board meeting to allow an opportunity for the parties to discuss the concerns raised by Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD).

Mr. Schweigerdt also stated that there had been previous public comment expressing concerns with the conservation easement language regarding nuisance animals. He explained that revisions had been made to the conservation easement to address the nuisance animals and also TUD's concerns.

Mr. Baggett then called on Ellie Routt, Executive Director of MLLT to address the Board. Ms. Routt said that the land trust approved of the conservation easement and encouraged the Board to support the LCCP. She then thanked the Board and staff for their work and ongoing support of the land trust.

After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

### ***Land Conservation Program Update***

Director of Land Conservation Jessica Daugherty provided the Board with an update regarding the Land Conservation Program. She pointed out that 53 LCCPs have been approved by the board and that since the last Board meeting there have been 5 transaction closings including the close of Wishon Reservoir that day. She reported that there have been a total of 28 transactions closed and out of that number, 12 occurred in 2017 alone.

## **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

## **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Baggett adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:20 p.m.

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Nancee Murray, Secretary