

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

Via live webcast  
March 22, 2023  
11:00 am – 11:30 am

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**ATTENDANCE**

*Association of California Water Agencies*

Director: Dave Eggerton – Absent  
Alternate: OPEN

*California Forestry Association*

Director: Rich Gordon – Present  
Alternate: George Gentry – Absent

*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 – Present (arrived 11:07 am)  
Director: Chris Nota – Present

*California Natural Resources Agency*

Director: Wade Crowfoot – Absent  
Alternate: Jennifer Norris – Absent

*California Tribal Interests*

Director: Larry Myers – Present  
Alternate: Ken Tipon – Absent

*Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board*

Director: Soapy Mulholland – Present  
Alternate: Bob Schneider – Absent

*Public Advocates Office*

Director: Julie Halligan – Absent  
Alternate: OPEN

*Pacific Gas & Electric Company*

Director: Mike Schonherr – Present

Alternate: Rebecca Doidge – Present

*Rural County Representatives of California*

Director: Lee Adams – Absent

Alternate: Miles Menetrey – Absent

*State Water Resources Control Board*

Director: DeeDee D'Adamo – Absent

Alternate: Jeffrey Parks – Present

*Trust for Public Land*

Director: Dave Sutton – Absent

Alternate: John McCamman – Present (arrived 11:07 am)

*U.S. Forest Service*

Non-Voting Liaison: Jerry Bird – Absent

**STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF**

Executive Director Erin Healy

Director of Programs Steve Schweigerdt

Office Administrator Robyn White

**OTHERS**

Kevin Conway, State Forest Program Manager, CAL FIRE

Sarah Hug, PG&E Staff Representative

Cheryl Davis, PG&E Staff Representative

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

Adoption of the minutes of the November 16, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. (***Consent agenda item***)

The Board approved an Enhancement Grant to UC Berkeley Forests for \$300,000 for the Building on Sustainable Forestry Beneficial Public Values to Reduce Risks to Other Beneficial Values project when funding is available, and the Board approved an increase in the 2023 budget of \$300,000 for the grant. (***Action***)

The Board Delegated Authority to the BDDPC to award an Enhancement Grant to the Pit River Tribe for \$250,000 for the Pit River Tribe Stewardship Enhancement Project when funding is available. The Pit River Tribe grant is contingent on BDDPC approval of the scope, timeline, and budget. (***Action***)

The Board Delegated Authority to the Fiduciary to increase the 2023 budget by \$250,000 for the Pit River Tribe grant. (***Action***)

**ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM**

Stewardship Council Board President and Chair 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. There were none.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none at this time.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Board approved the consent calendar item as noted above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

## **FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE**

### **Financial update**

Executive Director Erin Healy explained the 2022 year end budget to actual. She noted spending was under budget by approximately \$1.8M caused by the lack of two scheduled transactions not closing as well as a tax neutrality payment that was budgeted for 2022 but would be moved to 2023.

### **Approval of 2023 Budget Plan**

Ms. Healy reviewed the 2023 budget update with the Board noting there had been minor changes now that 2022 spending was known. She noted the updated budget had been approved by the Fiduciary Committee at its February meeting.

## **BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND DISSOLUTION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **Dissolution Planning Update**

#### **Certificate of Dissolution Update**

Ms. Healy reviewed the progress of the Dissolution process and explained staff was working with Adler Colvin to send the waiver request to the Attorney General's (AG) office within the next two weeks. She said a majority of directors had signed the request and once the AG's office receives the request, they will have 30 days to review and approve it. Once the approval is received it will be sent with the Notification of Dissolution to the Secretary of State's office when the 2023 Audit has been completed which should be no later than the beginning of Q2, 2024.

## **LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

### **Approval of up to \$550,000 in Enhancement Grant Awards (ACTION)**

Director of Programs Steve Schweigerdt reviewed two Enhancement Grants that the Board Development and Dissolution Planning Committee (BDPC) recommended the Board award. He reviewed the grant request from UC Berkeley Forests for \$300,000.

He then reviewed the Pit River Tribe (Tribe) grant request for \$250,000 explaining staff was asking the Board to delegate authority to the BDPC to approve the request once the Tribe had provided the scope of work, timeline and budget for approval.

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.

### **BPV Edits to Updated Final LCCPs**

Mr. Schweigerdt explained some language in the Outdoor Recreation BPV of the Land Conservation and Conveyance Plans (LCCPs) had been updated after Board approval. He then reviewed the four LCCPs that had been updated and provided the rationale for each.

#### Land Conservation Program Update

Mr. Schweigerdt reviewed milestones reached including: the final land donation transaction closed escrow, all tax neutrality payments had been made; and within the next week all transactions will be submitted to CPUC for approval.

Mr. Schweigerdt then provided a report on the CAL FIRE donations that had closed escrow. He noted CAL FIRE had received seven different properties in a range of ecosystems which would allow CAL FIRE to study the effects of climate change on varying forests.

Mr. Schweigerdt then recognized Kevin Conway with CAL FIRE. Mr. Conway thanked the board and staff for their perseverance in working with CAL FIRE to finalize the donations and thanked PG&E for their hard work as well.

Larry Myers asked for information on CAL FIRE's Native American Advisory Committee. Mr. Conway said the committee met quarterly and the demonstration forests offered an opportunity for CAL FIRE to engage with tribes.

### **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Baggett adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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Jeff Parks, Secretary