

# **Board Meeting Agenda with Actions**

December 13, 2024 - North Central Subregion - Auburn, CA

# **Board Meeting**

9:00 a.m. – 12:37 p.m.

Placer County Health & Human Services Cordova Conference Room 11434 B Avenue Auburn, CA 95603

# 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

- John Brissenden
- Elizabeth Cavasso
- Jack Garamendi
- Cindy Gustafson
- Barnie Gyant
- Robert Johnston
- Lisa Lien-Mager
- Michele Perrault
- Victoria Rome
- Dennis Townsend
- Ed Valenzuela
- Nathan Voegeli

# Absent:

Jeff Griffiths

# Non-Voting Liaison Advisors Present:

- Elizabeth Berger
- Christopher Heppe
- Clayton Jordan

## 3. Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair (ACTION)

Boardmember Brissenden nominated Nathan Voegeli to serve as Board Chair immediately and during calendar year 2025.

#### Action

Boardmember John Brissenden moved and Boardmember Valenzuela seconded the motion to approve the election of Nathan Voegeli as Board Chair for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year and the entire 2025 calendar year.

After a Board vote the results were: Aye – 10, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. The motion passed.

Boardmember Valenzuela nominated Dennis Townsend to serve as Vice-Chair during calendar year 2025.

#### Action

Boardmember Garamendi moved and Boardmember Valenzuela seconded the motion to approve the election of Dennis Townsend as Vice-Chair for the 2025 calendar year.

After a Board vote the results were: Aye – 10, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. The motion passed.

#### 4. Oath of Office for New Boardmembers

Board Chair Nathan Voegeli administered the Oath of Office for incoming Boardmember Clayton Jordan.

Boardmembers Johnston and Rome arrived during this item.

#### 5. Approval of September 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes (ACTION)

#### Action

Boardmember Jack Garamendi moved and Boardmember Lisa Lien-Mager seconded the motion to approve the September 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

After a Board vote the results were: Aye – 12, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. The motion passed.

# 6. Board Chair's Report (INFORMATIONAL)

# 7. Executive Officer's Report (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Executive Officer Update
- b. Administrative Update
- c. Policy & Outreach Update
  - Attachment A: SNC Policy Platform for 2025
- d. Field Operations & Grants Update

# 8. 2025 Board Meeting Schedule (ACTION)

The proposed 2025 Board meeting schedule:

- March 5 & 6, South Central Subregion Calaveras County
- June 4 & 5, Northeast Subregion Modoc County
- September 3 & 4, Southwest Subregion Fresno County
- December 11 & 12, Sacramento

#### Action

Boardmember Townsend moved and Boardmember Gyant seconded the motion approve staff's recommendation to approve the 2025 Board Meeting schedule, authorize staff to utilize either the September or December meeting to propose the following year's dates and locations without prior commitment to which meeting is held in Sacramento, give the Executive Officer the authority to reverse the order of the tour and meeting, if necessary, and direct staff to take the necessary actions for successful implementation.

After a Board vote the results were: Aye – 12, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. The motion passed.

#### 9. Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative (TCSI) Update (INFORMATIONAL)

Boardmember Brissenden left during this item.

# 10. Grant 1507 'Inimim Forest Restoration Project - Phase 3 Amendment (ACTION)

#### Action

Boardmember Garamendi moved and Boardmember Johnston seconded the motion to authorize the Executive Officer to file a Notice of Exemption for the 'Inimim Forest Restoration Project (1507) amendment, approve the revised project scope per the Exhibit A, and authorize staff to amend the grant agreement with the Yuba Watershed Institute.

After a Board vote the results were: Aye – 11, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. The motion passed.

# 11. Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program Award Recommendation (ACTION)

• #1694

Alpenglow Timber Sawmill Project in Nevada County in the amount of \$1,544,950 to the Sierra Business Council with a CEQA Notice of Determination as a Responsible Agency.

### (1) Action

**CEQA Determination:** Boardmember Gustafson moved and Boardmember Valenzuela seconded the motion to certify that the Board independently reviewed and considered the information in the Alpenglow Timber Use Permit Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (2024) and accompanying Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

After a Board vote the results were: Aye – 11, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. The motion passed.

# (2) Action

Project Approval and Grant Award: Boardmember Gustafson moved and Boardmember Townsend seconded the motion to authorize the Executive Officer to file a Notice of Determination as a responsible agency for the Alpenglow Timber Sawmill Project (1694), approve a grant award in the amount of \$1,544,950 to the Sierra Business Council, and authorize staff to enter into agreements necessary for project implementation.

After a Board vote the results were: Aye – 11, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. The motion passed.

#### 12. Boardmember Comments

#### 13. Public Comments

# 14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

## **Additional Board Materials**

- Executive Officer Authorized Grant Agreement Amendments and Grant Awards
- Key Meetings and Presentations
- Letters of Support
- Sierra Spotlight