



## Board Meeting Agenda with Actions

December 11, 2025 – Sacramento, CA

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Present:

- Michele Perrault (Joined at 10:37 am)
- John Brissenden
- Barnie Gyant
- Martin Huberty
- Robert Johnston
- Lisa Lien-Mager
- Ric Leutwyler
- Victoria Rome
- Shane Starr
- Doug Teeter
- Dennis Townsend
- Nathan Voegeli
- Chris Fuetrier
- Gabe Garcia
- Clayton Jordan

Absent:

- Jennifer Kreitz

### 3. Approval of June 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes (ACTION)

#### Action

Boardmember Shane Starr moved and Boardmember Ric Leutwyler seconded the motion to approve the June 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

After a Board vote the results were: Aye – 10, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1 (Johnston)

#### **4. Board Chair's Report (ACTION)**

##### **Action**

Boardmember John Brissenden moved and Boardmember Lisa Lien-Mager seconded the motion to adopt SNC Resolution No. 12-25-01, honoring Boardmember Robert Johnston for his 16 years of service on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Board.

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

#### **5. Executive Officer's Report (INFORMATIONAL)**

- a. Executive Officer Update
- b. Administrative Update
- c. Policy & Outreach Update

*Boardmember Perrault arrived during this item.*

#### **6. Legislative Perspectives Panel Discussion (INFORMATIONAL)**

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

Boardmember Barnie Gyant nominated Nathan Voegeli to remain as Board Chair in calendar year 2026.

##### **Action**

Boardmember Gyant moved and Boardmember Doug Teeter seconded the motion to approve the election of Nathan Voegeli as Board Chair for calendar year 2026.

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

Boardmember Dennis Townsend nominated Ric Leutwyler to serve as Vice-Chair during calendar year 2026.

##### **Action**

Boardmember Brissenden moved and Boardmember Starr seconded the motion to approve the election of Ric Leutwyler as Vice-Chair for the 2026 calendar year.

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

## **8. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule (ACTION)**

The proposed 2026 Board meeting schedule:

- March 4 & 5 – Butte County (North Central Subregion)
- June 3 & 4 – Trinity County (Northwest Subregion)
- September 2 & 3 – Mono County (Southeast Subregion)
- December 10 & 11 – Sacramento

### **Action**

Boardmember Townsend moved and Boardmember Teeter seconded the motion to:

- Approve the staff's recommendation to approve the 2026 Board meeting schedule, with the understanding that the approved schedule is subject to change due to changed circumstances and the press of business,
- Delegate its authority to the executive officer to reverse the order of the tour and meeting, if necessary, now and in the future Board meeting schedules,
- Delegate its authority to the executive officer, in consultation with the Board Chair, to cancel a meeting in emergency circumstances now and in future Board meeting schedules,
- Delegate its authority to the executive officer, in consultation with the Board Chair, to add additional meetings if business requires, with the understanding that staff will inquire with Boardmembers about their calendar availability to ensure a quorum will be achieved now and in future Board meeting schedules, and direct staff to take the necessary actions for successful implementation.

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

## **9. 2025-2026 Action Plan (ACTION)**

### **Action**

Boardmember Townsend moved and Boardmember Martin Huberty seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation approve the 2025-2026 Action Plan and direct staff to take the necessary actions for its successful implementation.

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

**10. Proposition 4 Early Action Wildfire and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program  
Grant Award Recommendations (ACTION)**

a. #1816

**Action**

Boardmember Teeter moved and Boardmember Gyant seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to find that the Musty Buck Ridge Fuel Break project (1816) falls under the suspension of state statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements that fall within the jurisdictions of the boards, departments, and offices within the CalEPA and the CNRA, (including, but not limited to, CEQA) pursuant to Governor Newsom's March 1, 2025 Proclamation; Authorize a grant award in the amount of \$1,298,000 to Chico State Enterprises for the Musty Buck Ridge Fuel Break project (1816), and authorize staff to enter into agreements necessary for project implementation.

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

b. #1823

**Action**

Boardmember Teeter moved and Boardmember Townsend seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to authorize the executive officer to file a Notice of Exemption for the White Fir Ridge Fuels Reduction and Forest Health project (1823), authorize a grant award in the amount of \$1,493,192 to the California Deer Association, and authorize staff to enter into agreements necessary for project implementation.

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

c. #1824

**Action**

Boardmember Townsend moved and Boardmember Gyant seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to authorize the executive officer to file a Notice of Exemption for the Goat Mountain Fuel Break Reconstruction project (1824), authorize a grant award in the amount of \$1,896,856 to the Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council, and authorize staff to enter into agreements necessary for project implementation.

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

d. **Action**

Boardmember Brissenden moved and Boardmember Huberty seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to authorize an additional \$5 million (for a total of \$15 million) of the Proposition 4 Early Action Wildfire funding appropriated to the SNC in 2024-25 to the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program.

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

**11. Grant Agreement Amendment Recommendations (ACTION)**

a. #1547

**Action – CEQA certification**

Boardmember Starr moved and Boardmember Teeter seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to certify that it independently reviewed and considered the information in the Paradise Fuels Reduction Programmatic Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (2022) and Addendum.

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

**Action – Project**

Boardmember Teeter moved and Boardmember Starr seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to authorize the executive officer to file a Notice of Determination as a responsible agency for the Magalia Forest and Wildfire Resilience Project (1547) amendment, approve the revised project scope per the Exhibit A, and authorize staff to amend the grant agreement with the Butte County Fire Safe Council.

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

b. #1431-LC

**Action**

Boardmember Townsend moved and Boardmember Teeter seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to authorize the executive officer to file a Notice of Exemption for the Veater / Ekarnas Hemman Conservation Easement Project (1431-LC)

amendment, approve the revised project scope per the Exhibit A, and authorize staff to amend the grant agreement with the Sierra Foothill Conservancy.

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

**12. Boardmember Comments**

**13. Public Comments**

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

**Additional Board Materials**

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