

Humboldt
County



RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

The mission of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District is to assist private and public landowners in the planning, design, and implementation of soil, water, and forest resource conservation practices to improve and enhance natural and working lands in Humboldt County

REGULAR MEETING: AGENDA

Thursday, February 12, 2026

8:00 A.M.

(Items marked with * are attached to director packets. Packets may be requested by contacting the HCRCD at 707-296-3992 or emailing jill@hcrd.org.)

LOCATION: HUMBOLDT AGRICULTURAL CENTER

5630 South Broadway

Eureka, CA 95503

OR

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Christine Manhart, Chair
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA** (Gov. Code 54954.2(B))
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Any person may address the Board regarding any matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. Members of the public may also comment on agenda items when they are discussed. (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION**
 - 5.1 Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of January 8, 2026*
 - 5.2 Accept HCRCD Single Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2025*
 - 5.3 Approve Resolution 26-01 to approve the application of funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for Strongs Creek National Water Quality Initiative Watershed Assessment Project and conditionally accepting grant, if offered.*
 - 5.4 Approve Resolution 26-02 to approve the application of funds from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and conditionally accepting grant, if offered.*
 - 5.5 Approval of ballot responses in the election of CARCD Board members, Bylaws and Resolutions.*
6. **ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR - ACTION**
7. **NEW BUSINESS – ACTION**
 - 7.1 Review and potential action to approve Resolution 26-03 to certify that the [Vanauken Creek Fuel Break Project Project Specific Analysis \(PSA\) and Addendum](#) to California Vegetation Management Program (CalVTP) Program EIR complies with CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines and adopt the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Project.*
 - 7.2 Receive staff report on the emergency actions associated with January 2, 2026 levee breach at the Wadulh Lagoon Tidal Wetland Enhancement Project site and authorize the Executive Director to approval change orders exceeding \$100,000 to an existing public works contract for Wadulh Lagoon Tidal Wetland Enhancement Project with prime contractor Pacific Earthscape.*
 - 7.3 Review and potential action to approve Resolution 26-04 authorizing the opening of a line of credit through Redwood Capital Bank and authorizing signers.*
 - 7.4 Review and approve February 2026 Financial Report and Staff Recommendations to approve reserve for payroll and tax liabilities and approve and issue payments for operating expenses and contractor payments as outlined in financial report.
8. **OLD BUSINESS – ACTION**
9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - 9.1 Receive Conflict of Interest Code, Statements of Economic Interests - Form 700, and information regarding AB1234 Ethics Training*
 - 9.2 District Director Updates and Announcements – Directors may provide updates on their activities related to the HCRCD such as other meetings attended and other relevant announcements.
 - 9.3 District Correspondence
 - 9.4 HCRCD Staff Reports*
 - 9.5 NRCS Report
10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
11. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 12, 2026**

Meeting location: Humboldt Agricultural Center
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Agenda Item #5.1 (Action)
For Regular Board Meeting of: February 12, 2026

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jill Demers, Executive Director
SUBJECT: 5.1 Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of Regular Meeting of January 8, 2026*
AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of Regular Meeting of January 8, 2026

SUMMARY

n/a

FISCAL IMPACT

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes for Regular Meeting of Regular Meeting of January 8, 2026

Humboldt County Resource Conservation District
Board of Director's Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Humboldt Agricultural Center, 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503
or Teleconference via ZOOM and Telephone
January 8, 2026

1. Call to Order: Christine Manhart, Chair at 8:01am
2. Roll Call
 - HCRC Board of Directors: Christine Manhart (Chair), Lane Russ (Vice Chair), Lauri Barnwell (Secretary/Treasurer), Dan Cohoon, Zach Cahill, Jim Cotton, Reid Cody
 - HCRC Staff: Jill Demers (Executive Director), Curtis Ihle (Assistant Executive Director), Anita Hipp, Doreen Hansen, Jake Taulbee, Alex Cunha, Travis Massey, Megan Kownurko, Giorgio Zampaglione, Olivia Lopes, Matt Settelmayer, Dabid Garcia, Renata Urbina De la Flor
 - HCRC Staff Excused: Katrina Henderson, Zoe Ziegler
 - In-Person Guests: Todd Golder (NRCS Eureka Field Office District Conservationist), Rex Bohn (District 1, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors), Kathy Phillis (Salt River Watershed Council), Jim Regli (Salt River Watershed Council, dairyman)
3. Additions or Changes to Agenda – None
4. Public Comment Period – None
5. Consent Calendar
 - 5.1. Approve Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2025
 - 5.2. Approve December 2025 Financial Report and Staff Recommendations to 1) Issue checks for General Operating Expenses, Grant-related Expenses, and Contractor Payments in coordination with HCRC Secretary/Treasurer Barnwell of December 10, 2025 (items #1 – 42); 2) Pay Grant Related Expenses, Contractors, Payment Staff Payroll, Liabilities, Rent and Healthcare payments when due (items #43 – 47); 3) Pay Contractors as listed on the Accounts Payable Aging Summary upon receiving funds from grant funders; 4) Pay Contractors whose expenses are reimbursable under Advanced Grant Funds when funds are received.
 - 5.3. Approve quarterly financial reports for July – September 2025.

Motion to accept the Consent Calendar (items) 5.1, 5.2, 5.3) by Director Cotton, Seconded by Director Cohoon. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Russ, Barnwell, Cahill, Cody. Noes: None. Passed Unanimously.
6. Items Pulled from the Consent Calendar: None
7. New Business

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- 7.1. Action to approve Resolution 26-00 the application of funds from the National Association of Conservation Districts for the Technical Assistance Grant Program and conditionally accepting grant, if offered.

Motion to accept (item 7.1) by Director Barnwell, Seconded by Director Cody. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Russ, Cohoon, Cahill, Cotton. Noes: None. Passed Unanimously.

- 7.2. Action of approve January 2026 Financial Report and Staff Recommendations 1) Issue checks for General Operating Expenses, Grant-related Expenses, and Contractor Payments at the Regular Meeting of the Board of January 8, 2026 (items #1 – 35); 2) Pay Grant-related Expenses, Contractors, Payment Staff Payroll, Liabilities, Rent, and Healthcare payments when due (items #36 – 40); 3) Pay Contractors as listed on the Accounts Payable Aging Summary upon receiving funds from grant funders; 4) Pay Contractors whose expenses are reimbursable under Advance Grant Funds when funds are received.

Motion to accept (item 7.2) by Director Barnwell, Seconded by Director Cotton. Ayes: Directors Manhart, Russ, Cohoon, Cahill, Cody. Noes: None. Passed Unanimously.

8. Old Business

- 8.1. Discuss and take action to determine the process for the Long-Range Plan update. Executive Director Demers is working with Jen Rice to be the facilitator, discussed legal requirements for Long-Range Plan in Division 9 and pre-meeting's to review items with Staff, Community Landowners, HCRCD Board of Directors, and Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, and Tribal Government. Moved to Future Agenda Items due to the need of a full session – March 12th. No Action

9. Informational Items

- 9.1. District Director Updates and Announcements – None
9.2. District Correspondence – None
9.3. Executive Director Demers gave an informational report and discussed updates on the Salt River Watershed Council, Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project and Williams Creek Restoration Projects. Program

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Manager Hansen shared pictures with additional discussion of the sediment movement.

- 9.4. (9.5) Todd Golder (NRCS District Conservationist) NRCS Program sign-ups setting January 15th as the application deadline. Reviewed 1) EQIP , 2) CSP, 3) National Water Quality Initiative, 4) RCPP – January 23rd application deadline, and 5) Regenerative Soil Program.

- 9.5. (9.4) HCRCD Staff Reports: Executive Director Demers introduced new employee Project Coordinator Dabid Garcia. Update on the Humboldt Ag building ADA upgrades. Signed the 2nd Extension of Humboldt County Lease Agreement for current Ag Center lease for small office. Program Managers and Project Coordinators gave program updates.

10. Future Agenda Items

- 10.1. HCRCD Long Range Plan – March 12th Board Meeting

11. Next Regular Meeting: February 12, 2026

12. Adjournment at 9:32am

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jill Demers, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5.2: Accept HCRCD Single Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2025*
Agenda Section: CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION

Review and accept HCRCD Single Audit for the Year Ending June 30, 2025.

SUMMARY

The HCRCD engaged Maze & Associates conduct the Federal Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

A Single Audit for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 was required as federal expenditures exceed \$1,000,000 in the fiscal year. Per federal regulations, the Single Audit must be completed and uploaded to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse by March 31, 2026. The attached audit is complete and has been uploaded.

The auditors issued an unmodified report. No material weakness or significant deficiency were identified on internal control on financial reporting. In the administration of the federal awards, no material weakness were identified or significant deficiencies were identified.

FISCAL IMPACT

Federal Single Audit was budgeted for in the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

- HCRCD Single Audit for the Year Ending June 30, 2025

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
For The Year Ended June 30, 2025**

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**** These have been removed from this report as these reports were approved by the Board at the Regular Meeting of November 2026 can can be found here: <https://humboldtcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/HCRCD-BFS-2025.pdf>

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For The Year Ended June 30, 2025**

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None Reported

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? Yes X No

Identification of major program(s):

Assistance Listing Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
<u>10.720</u>	<u>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Community Wildfire Defense Grants</u>

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? X Yes No

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Our audit did not disclose any significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses or instances of noncompliance material to the basic financial statements. We have also issued a separate Memorandum on Internal Control dated October 16, 2025 which is an integral part of our audits and should be read in conjunction with this report.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Our audit did not disclose any findings or questioned costs required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
Department of Agriculture Direct Programs:			
Natural Resources Conservation Service			
Wetlands Reserve Program			
Humboldt County RCD Wetland Restoration Assistance	10.072	NR189104XXXXC010	\$364,610
U.S. Department of Forest Service			
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Community Wildfire Defense Grants			
Greater Willow Creek Wildfire Resilience Project	10.720	23-DG-11052012-196	953,833
Natural Resources Conservation Service			
Environmental Quality Incentives Program			
Increasing NRCS Field Office staff capacity by one full-time equivalent (FTE) to serve rangeland and forest landowners and promoting climate resiliency, drought response, and soil health conservation.	10.912	NR229104XXXXC013	4,205
Increasing NRCS Field Office staff capacity to assist landowners and operator, including tribal communities, in promoting drought/climate resilience and forest health/wildfire resilience	10.912	NR249104XXXXC019	16,390
Natural Resources Conservation Service			
Soil and Water Conservation			
Increasing NRCS Field Office staff capacity to assist landowners and operator, including tribal communities, in promoting drought/climate resilience and forest health/wildfire resilience	10.902	NR249104XXXXC019	8,195
Natural Resources Conservation Service			
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program			
Humboldt County RCD Wetland Restoration Assistance	10.931	NR189104XXXXC010	69,340
Subtotal Department of Agriculture Direct Programs			<u>1,416,573</u>
Department of Agriculture Pass-Through Programs:			
North Coast Growers Association			
National Institute of Food and Agriculture			
Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program			
North Coast Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program and Climate Resilient Farmer Training Program	10.311	2024-49400-43608	1,146
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts			
Forest Service Post-fire Disaster Recovery Grant			
Cooperative Forestry Assistance			
Knob Fire Post Fire Disaster Recovery (2021)	10.664	22-DG-11052021-206	99,729
SRF Lightning Complex Post Fire Disaster Recovery (2022)	10.664	22-DG-11052021-206	84,580
County of Humboldt			
Good Neighbor Authority			
Good Neighbor Master Agreement with the County of Humboldt	10.691	20-GN-11051000-009	33,615
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District			
Natural Resources Conservation Service			
Soil and Water Conservation			
Increasing Access to Climate-Smart Technical Assistance for Grazing Lands Through the North Coast Soil Hub	10.902	NR239104XXXXC019	3,260
Point Reyes Bird Observatory			
Natural Resources Conservation Service			
Soil and Water Conservation			
Leveraging Point Blue's scientific expertise within the ranching and climate-smart communities to provide TA and expand adoption of practices that provide ecological and forage/plant co-benefits	10.902	NR239104XXXXC019	1,013

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
National Association of Conservation Districts			
Soil and Water Conservation			
National Association of Conservation Districts - Technical Assistance	10.902	NR223A750003C083	25,698
National Association of Conservation Districts			
Environmental Quality Incentives Program			
National Association of Conservation Districts - Technical Assistance	10.912	NR213A750012C002	18,801
National Association of Conservation Districts - Technical Assistance	10.912	NR243A750018C027	15,587
National Association of Conservation Districts			
Conservation Stewardship Program			
National Association of Conservation Districts - Technical Assistance	10.924	NR213A750012C002	7,629
National Association of Conservation Districts - Technical Assistance	10.924	NR243A750018C027	32,394
Chico State Enterprises			
Regional Conservation Partnership Program			
Soil Health Management Systems for Northern CA	10.932	2338-A-0767	39,112
Subtotal Department of Agriculture Pass-Through Programs			362,564
Total Department of Agriculture			1,779,137
Department of Interior Pass-Through Programs:			
State of California			
State Coastal Conservancy			
Pass Through from U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Service			
Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration			
Mad River Slough Wadulh Lagoon Restoration	15.614	F22AP00894	71,970
Total Department of Interior			71,970
Department of Homeland Security Pass-Through Programs:			
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services			
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)			
Public Assistance and CDAA Grants Program	97.036	FEMA-4699-DR-CA	2,925
Total Department of Homeland Security			2,925
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$1,854,032

See Accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For The Year Ended June 30, 2025

NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY

The Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes expenditures of federal awards for the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (District) California, and its component units as disclosed in the notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting refers to *when* revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Expenditures of Federal Awards reported on the Schedule are recognized when incurred.

NOTE 3 – INDIRECT COST ELECTION

The District has elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jill Demers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5.3: Approve Resolution 26-01 to approve the application of funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for Strongs Creek National Water Quality Initiative Watershed Assessment Project and conditionally accepting grant, if offered.*

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 26-01.

SUMMARY

The (NRCS) National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) is a partnership among U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); state water quality agencies and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to identify and address impaired water bodies through voluntary conservation. In spring, 2025, the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District sponsored an application with California Department of Fish and Game and NOAA Fisheries as part of the Salmonid Habitat and Restoration Priorities (SHaRP) – Lower Eel River effort, to include the Strongs Creek HUC12 watershed in the NWQI program in order for NRCS to provide financial assistance for future projects on private property to reduce sediment delivery and animal effluent to streams, enhance riparian corridors, and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat to assist in meeting the Lower Eel River sediment and temperature TMDLs.

The Strongs Creek HUC was selected for inclusion in the NWQI program. NRCS is requesting an application for a cooperative agreement from HCRCD to fund a Strongs Creek watershed assessment, which is required for the NWQI project to move to implementation stage. The cooperative agreement would fund HCRCD staff time to provide the technical and planning assistance to NRCS need to develop the watershed assessment.

FISCAL IMPACT

- If awarded, planning funds would support activities through FY2026–2028.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution 26-01



Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) FOR STRONGS CREEK NATIONAL WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE WATERSHED ASSESSMENT PROJECT, AND CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTING GRANT, IF OFFERED.

WHEREAS, the (NRCS) National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) is a partnership among U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); state water quality agencies and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to identify and address impaired water bodies through voluntary conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (District) sponsored an application to include the Strongs Creek HUC12 watershed in the NWQI program in order for NRCS to provide financial assistance for future projects on private property to reduce sediment delivery and animal effluent to streams, enhance riparian corridors, and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat to assist in meeting the Lower Eel River sediment and temperature TMDLs; and

WHEREAS, the Strongs Creek was selected for inclusion in the NWQI program; and

WHEREAS, the NRCS is requesting an application for a cooperative agreement to fund a Strongs Creek watershed assessment, which is required for the NWQI project to move to implementation stage; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to provide the technical and planning assistance to NRCS need to develop the watershed assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for funding from NRCS; and
2. Certifies that the District will comply with all federal, state and local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the project and will obtain or will ensure that the other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the project; and
3. Further commits to the terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement; and
4. Appoints the Executive Director or designee as a representative(s) of Humboldt County Resource Conservation District to conduct negotiations, execute, submit and sign all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and other documents which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District at its regular meeting held on the 12th of February 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____

Abstain:_____

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 26-01 was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District.

Lauri Barnwell, Secretary
Board of Directors

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jill Demers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5.4 – Approve Resolution 26-02 to approve the application of funds from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and conditionally accepting grant, if offered.*

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 26-02.

SUMMARY

In 2025 PG&E submitted a License Surrender Application to FERC to decommission two Eel River dams that are part of the Potter Valley Project, and in July 2025, Eel River and Russian River Partners agreed on a Two-Basin Solution Water Diversion Agreement. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has invited an application from California Trout, Round Valley Indian Tribes, Trout Unlimited, and County of Humboldt as an outcome of the Water Diversion Agreement to accelerate the next phase of restoration investments. The County of Humboldt invited Humboldt County RCD to act as lead applicant of a collaborative grant.

To improve functional flows, fish passage, and habitat and reduce sediment inputs in the Lower Eel River, HCRCD and the County developed a Project that includes 1) robust restoration planning, outreach, and project development in the mainstem Lower Eel River, its tributaries, and estuary, and 2) adaptive management of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project (SRERP).

The resulting project is named the Lower Eel River Restoration Planning & Adaptive Management Project. The grant proposal is for approximately \$1,870,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

- If awarded, grant funds would support project activities.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution 26-02



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RESOLUTION NO. 26-02

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FOR THE LOWER EEL RIVER RESTORATION PLANNING & ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROJECT, AND CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTING GRANT, IF OFFERED.

WHEREAS, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is inviting grant proposals from eligible applicants for Eel River Salmonid Recovery Actions; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (District) is a Special District established under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code to deliver and facilitate natural resources conservation in coordination with landowners of Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, the District, in collaboration with the County of Humboldt, has developed a funding application to conduct Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Adaptive Management and Lower Eel River Restoration Planning activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for funding from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; and
2. Acknowledges that it has or will have sufficient funds to complete the project; and
3. Further commits to the terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement; and
4. Appoints the Executive Director or designee as a representative(s) of Humboldt County Resource Conservation District to conduct negotiations, execute, submit and sign all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and other documents which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District at its regular meeting held on the 12th day of February 12, 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____

Abstain: _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 26-02 was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District.

Lauri Barnwell, Secretary
Board of Directors

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jill Demers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5.5 – Approval of ballot responses in the election of CARCD Board members,
Bylaws and Resolutions.*

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the following Slate of Actions:

1) CARCD Offers Elections

Candidates	Select one for each office
President	
Rick Gomez (Inland Empire RCD)	x
Molly Watkins (San Joaquin RCD)	
Abstain	
Vice-President	
Peter Braudrick (Mendocino RCD)	x
John James (El Dorado RCD)	
Abstain	
Secretary-Treasurer	
Matthew Hurley (Sierra & Tranquility RCDs)	x
Abstain	

2) Bylaws

Does your RCD approve adoption of the Proposed Amended Bylaws transmitted on
October 28, 2025?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Abstain

3) Resolutions:

Resolution	Approve	Do Not Approve	Abstain
1. Antelope RCD moving between regions	X		
2. Sustainable Funding	X		
3. Comply with Bylaws		X*	
4. Establish minimum standards for conducting CARCD business		X*	
5. Reconvene the Policy Committee		X	
6. Establish a standing Finance Committee		X	

7. Change the dues structure		X	
8. Establish new election procedures		X*	
9. Adopt IRS recommended policies for charitable organizations	X		
10. Ensure diverse CARCD representation		X	

"X*" indicates a recommendation from CARCD Policy Committee

SUMMARY

The CA Association of RCDs (CARCD) did not have a quorum of delegates from member RCDs at the Annual Meeting in November. As a result, no vote could take place for 1) new officers, 2) bylaws, or 3) resolutions. Whereas votes at the Annual Meeting would have been cast by delegates, decisions must now be made by a vote of the board of directors of member RCDs. Only RCDs who are members of CARCD in good standing are eligible to vote. Results will be announced as early in March as possible. HCRCD is a member in good standing with CARCD.

The Executive Director corresponded with HCRCD's appointed delegate for CARCD annual meeting, Board Chair Christine Manhart, regarding the recommended selections. Additional supporting materials upon the request of the Board if any Director or member of the public requests that this item be removed from the Consent section of the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the HCRCD Board of Directors of February 12, 2026.

Once the Board makes an action, the Executive Director will submit an electronic for to CARCD in coordination with delegate Manhart.

FISCAL IMPACT

- none

ATTACHMENTS

- [Master PDF containing the following:](#)
 - o Printout of the Ballot form for review (Page 1)
 - o Candidate Statements for Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates that were submitted (Page 8)
 - o Proposed Amended Bylaws (Page 10)
 - o Policy Committee's Summary Table of Resolutions and Committee Recommendations (Page 30)
 - o Resolutions as submitted by Antelope Valley (Now Canyons to Desert) RCD (Page 33)
- [Separate PDF with cover letter and Resolutions from North Santa Clara et al RCDs](#)