

AGENDA

NAPA COUNTY WINEGRAPE PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 3
Napa, California 94559

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

The Board of Directors of the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, 1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 3, Napa, California. Requests for disability related modifications or accommodations, aids or services may be made to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office no less than 24 hours prior to the meeting date by contacting (707) 253-4357. Time for public commentary on items not on the Agenda will be provided. Time limitations for individual speakers may be set at the discretion of the Chair.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL:**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 12, 2025 Minutes. (TAB 1)
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** At this time, anyone may address the Board regarding any subject not on today's agenda over which the Board has jurisdiction. No action will be taken by the Board on such public comments other than possibly scheduling the item for a future meeting.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Education & Outreach ad-hoc subcommittee update: Vine Mealybug ID & Management Workshop.
 - B. Vineyard Weeds ad-hoc subcommittee update.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Review of grower-focused glassy-winged sharpshooter outreach ad campaign by Tim Sams of SGA Marketing.
- B.** Reviewing vine mealybug mating disruption usage throughout Napa County (using ArcGIS online).
- C.** Discussion of Treasurer’s District financial report. (TAB 2)
- D.** Discussion and possible adoption of a resolution approving payment of certain District financial obligations pertaining to District activities and administrative costs for fiscal year 2024/25.
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 24-05 approving payment of certain District financial obligations pertaining to District activities and administrative costs for fiscal year 2024/25. (TAB 3)

6. UC VITICULTURAL FARM ADVISOR REPORT

7. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

- A.** Pest Program Updates

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn to next regular meeting scheduled for August 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE
NAPA COUNTY WINEGRAPE PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2025 DRAFT**

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL:

The meeting was held at the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, 1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 3, Napa, CA 94559, and called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Vice Chair Chris Hyde.

Roll call was taken and the following Board members were present:
Larry Bettinelli, Chris Hyde, David Ilsley and John McCarthy.

The following Board member was excused:
Katey Taylor.

Also Present:

Tracy Cleveland, Ag Commissioner/Sealer; Monica Cooper, UC Viticulture Farm Advisor; Andre Napolitano, Deputy Ag Commissioner/Sealer; Jaspreet Faller, Ag Staff Services Analyst; Dr. Sarah MacDonald, UC Staff Research Associate; Paola Segura, Senior Office Assistant and Recording Secretary to the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by John McCarthy to approve the minutes for meeting held December 18, 2024.
Motion seconded by David Ilsley.
Motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meeting opened to public comment at 9:07 a.m.
There was none.
Public comment closed at 9:07 a.m.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Education & Outreach Ad-hoc Subcommittee Update: Field Day 2025.

Sarah MacDonald reports a successful 2024 Field Day held at the St. Helena Upper Valley Campus. Moving forward, they plan to transition to a series of quarterly, workshop-style education and outreach events. Each workshop will focus on seasonally relevant topics related to pests and diseases. For example, Vine Mealybug (VMB) will be the focus in June, with sessions on identification and management techniques; red blotch will be covered in late summer, timed just before symptoms typically appear. Additional topics will include wildlife, weeds, Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS), and other issues identified as priorities by the community. These workshops will be offered in both English and Spanish and will provide one to two hours of continued education credits. As new issues emerge, workshop topics will evolve to reflect current needs.

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4. **OLD BUSINESS:** (Continued)

B. Vineyard Weeds Ad-hoc Subcommittee Update.

John McCarthy reports that the Vineyard Weeds ad-hoc subcommittee has identified a concern regarding the role of weeds in relation to viruses and the insects that vector viruses affect vines. As a result, the subcommittee believes it is important to pursue actionable items focused on outreach and education around this issue. They will continue meeting to develop ideas and recommendations to present to the Board.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Election of Officers.

Motion made by David Ilsley to nominate Katey Taylor for Chair.
Motion seconded by Chris Hyde.

Motion made by Larry Bettinelli to nominate Chris Hyde for Vice Chair.
Motion seconded by David Ilsley.

Motion made by Chris Hyde to nominate David Ilsley for Secretary.
Motion seconded by John McCarthy.

Katey Taylor, Chair.
Chris Hyde, Vice Chair.
David Ilsley, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of Treasurer's District Financial Report.

The Treasurer's District financial report was reviewed by Jaspreet Faller.

C. Discussion and possible adoption of a resolution approving payment of certain District financial obligations pertaining to District activities and administrative costs for FY 24/25.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 24-03 approving payment of certain District financial obligations pertaining to District activities and administrative costs for FY 24/25.

Motion made by Chris Hyde to adopt Resolution No. 24-03 approving payment of certain District financial obligations pertaining to District activities and administrative cost for fiscal year 24/25.

Motion seconded by Larry Bettinelli.
Motion passed unanimously.

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5. **NEW BUSINESS:** (Continued)

- D. Possible adoption of a motion approving the County's contract with Kristin Lowell Inc. to prepare the Engineers Report for the levy of assessments for FY 25/26, with the cost to be paid by District funds.**

Recommendation: Approve and recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve and execute the contract with Lowell and Associates to prepare the Engineer's Report for the levy of assessments for FY 25/26, with the cost to be paid by District funds.

Motion made by David Ilsley approving the County's contract with Kristin Lowell Inc. to prepare the Engineer's Report for the levy of assessments for fiscal year 25/26, with the cost to be paid by District funds.

Motion seconded by John McCarthy.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Public Hearing: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

a. Open Public Hearing.

Public hearing opened at 9:28 a.m.

- b. Review Proposed Budget Scenario – Ag Commissioner will present a draft budget and associated workplans for the following programs: Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's GWSS/PD Program; GWSS Winter Trapping; Vine Mealybug Trapping/Inspection Program; Vine Mealybug Parasite Release Project; Spotted Lanternfly Trapping; Sentinel Trapping; GWSS Vineyard Protection Program Trapping; UCCE research proposal – Pest and Disease Surveillance and Education (the project goal is to generate actionable knowledge for vector-borne Pierce's disease and grapevine red blotch disease and encourage the adoption of evidence-based practices, including pest and disease prevention and preparedness.)**

Deputy Andre Napolitano reviewed proposed associated workplans for GWSS/PD Program, GWSS Winter Trapping, Vine Mealybug Trapping/Inspection Program, Vine Mealybug Parasite Release Project, Spotted Lanternfly Trapping, Sentinel Trapping, GWSS Vineyard Protection Program Trapping

- The Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) and Pierce's Disease (PD) program will continue the inspection of 100% of all commercial nursery stock coming into Napa County. This will call for the inspection of approximately 2,500 non-blue tagged shipments. In addition, the winter GWSS trapping program implemented in 2021 in response to the GWSS infestation in neighboring Solano County will continue, with traps being deployed in December 2025 and removed in March 2026. The Pest District and Ag Commissioner's Office will share the cost of both programs, which are expected to cost \$229,278 and \$16,133.

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5. **NEW BUSINESS:** (Continued)

E. **Public Hearing: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26.**

b. **Review Proposed Budget Scenario – Ag Commissioner will present a draft budget and associated workplans for the following programs: Napa County Agricultural Commissioner’s GWSS/PD Program; GWSS Winter Trapping; Vine Mealybug Trapping/Inspection Program; Vine Mealybug Parasite Release Project; Spotted Lanternfly Trapping; Sentinel Trapping; GWSS Vineyard Protection Program Trapping; UCCE research proposal – Pest and Disease Surveillance and Education (the project goal is to generate actionable knowledge for vector-borne Pierce’s disease and grapevine red blotch disease and encourage the adoption of evidence-based practices, including pest and disease prevention and preparedness.)**

- The Vine Mealybug (VMB) trapping program will continue with reduced trapping in areas identified by UC Riverside and the UC Cooperative Extension as being at risk for VMB infestation. This includes the servicing and microscope inspection of 950 traps. The data collected will be uploaded to maps on the Ag Commissioner’s website for public access. The Pest District and Ag Commissioner’s Office will share the cost of the program and expect it to cost \$58,639.
- The VMB parasite release project will also continue, maintaining a reduced half-year schedule. Between May and June 2026, Ag Commissioner staff will release between 1,500 and 2,000 Anagyrus wasps per site at 98 locations across the county. The project is expected to cost \$52,870. It is hoped that the evidence of Anagyrus in vineyards will encourage growers to release wasps of their own as part of their VMB management.
- The spotted lanternfly (SLF) trapping program aims to detect and prevent damages from SLF, an invasive pest first detected in Pennsylvania in September of 2014 and native to China. Ag Commissioner staff propose two work plan options for continued funding through the 2025 calendar year, covering expenses from July to September 2025 and support deployment and servicing cost from May to June 2026. Option one would maintain current efforts with 30 traps and cost \$29,820 while option two would expand coverage by deploying 20 additional traps in high-risk areas, for a total of 50 traps at a cost of \$41,928.
- The sentinel trapping program like the SLF trapping program aims to detect and prevent damage from non-established pests in California. In response to unknown CDFA funding for this program, Ag Commissioner staff propose deploying 250 traps at the rate of one trap per square mile per insect, totaling 1,000 traps. The four target pests are the Honeydew Moth, European Grape Berry Moth, Grape Berry Moth and Grape Tortrix Moth. The Pest District and Ag Commissioner’s Office will share the cost of this program and expect it to cost \$158,227.

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5. **NEW BUSINESS:** (Continued)

E. Public Hearing: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

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- The GWSS Vineyard Protection trapping program will continue with the placement and inspection of 500 traps, supplementing the GWSS trapping program funded by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Trapping will run from June through October and is expected to cost \$117,621.

Dr Monica Cooper reviewed UCCE proposal to continue blue-green sharpshooter (BGSS) trapping. She reports an analysis of five years of collected data was conducted in an effort to identify factors influencing BGSS population; however, no consistent trends were found. Dr. Cooper believes that additional years of data and consistent seasonal conditions, specifically winter with fewer frost days, are needed to better understand BGSS population. In addition, Dr Cooper reported that after years of red blotch research, there is now a solid understanding of the disease’s ecology and management techniques. She proposes continuing outreach and education on red blotch, as well as initiating screening and sampling of incoming plant material to create publicly accessible data for growers. Dr. Cooper's proposal will cost \$123,485.

Jaspreet Faller reviewed two possible budget scenarios. The first scenario maintains the status quo, including the 20 SLF traps decreasing the assessment to \$11.00. Scenario two includes the increased SLF traps and increased outreach and education budget from \$20,000 to \$30,000, decreasing the assessment to \$11.50. Decrease in assessment in both scenarios is due to reduction of A87 charges reducing overhead costs from 31% to 27% and the elimination of rental vehicle expenses.

c. Public Comment.

Meeting opened to public comment.

There was none.

Public comment closed at 10:03 a.m.

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5. **NEW BUSINESS:** (Continued)
E. **Public Hearing: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26.**

d. Close Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 10:03 a.m.

e. Board Discussion.

Board members discuss the benefit of additional SLF trapping and increased outreach and education budget.

f. Approve the FY 2025/26 Budget.

Recommendation: Approve the District's budget, and the Commissioner's workplans and budgets for the five programs and the UCCE research proposal by adopting Resolution No. 24-04.

Motion made by Chris Hyde to adopt Scenario 2 (Resolution 24-04) approving the District's budget, decreasing the assessment to \$11.50/acre, allocating funds as outlined in the proposed scenario.

Motion seconded by David Ilsley.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. **UC VITICULTURAL FARM ADVISOR REPORT**

Dr. Monica Cooper reported a busy season focused on red blotch research. She presented outreach material covering red blotch management strategies, criteria of depermitting based on disease progression and guidance on sampling in various areas, including sampling treehoppers. Dr Cooper emphasized that it could take up to three years to identify infected vines, which then can necessitate the removal of all vines within 30 feet of a hot spot and in some cases, up to 60 feet away in certain directions. She also shared that her team was awarded best paper by The American Society for Enology and Viticulture for their research on trunk cambium.

In addition, Dr. Cooper noted growing public interest in Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) outreach materials. She proposed allocating funds from the education and outreach budget to print existing CDFA material in both English and Spanish.

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7. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

A. Pest Program Updates.

Ag Commissioner/Sealer Tracy Cleveland began by encouraging Board members to continue advocating for funding through their respective industry groups. She noted that twenty commissioners visited the State Capital last month, and a group is currently in Washington, D.C. to discuss funding opportunities at both the state and federal levels. Commissioner Cleveland also reported that Solano, El Dorado and Stanislaus counties continue their efforts to eradicate their GWSS population. Their strategies included treatments, ongoing surveys and biological control releases. Additionally, she announced that Ag Commissioner staff will participate in the upcoming Ag Day event next week and on Tuesday March 25th the Board of Supervisors will present the Ag Month Proclamation.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Presentation From SGA at June Meeting.

9. DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chris Hyde reports that, in his role as a member on the Napa County Farm Bureau Board, he is collaborating with California Senator Adam Schiff, who was recently appointed to the Senate Agriculture Committee. He is excited to see California represented in this committee. He also thanked Larry Bettinelli for his dedicated service to the Pest District, noting that this meeting marks Larry's final one as a Board member.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn to the next regular meeting scheduled for June 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned by Chris Hyde at 10:49 a.m.

KATEY TAYLOR
Chair

ATTEST:

PAOLA SEGURA
Recording Secretary to the District Board

County of Napa
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
WPDCD FY 2024/25 Expenditures

FY 2024/25 WPDCD Expenditure Report	1st Quarter Expenses Paid 4th Qtr FY23/24	7/1/24 to 9/30/24 1st Quarter Expenses	10/1/24 to 12/31/24 2nd Quarter Expenses	1/1/25 to 3/31/25 3rd Quarter Expenses	4/1/25 to 6/30/25 4th Quarter Expenses	Year to Date Expenditures FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25 Budget	2024/25 YTD Workplan Balance
GWSS/PD Non-Blue Program Chgs	-	28,918.51	28,532.26	27,860.78		85,311.55	125,477.00	40,165.45
GWSS Winter Trapping Program	-	-	3,210.04	9,098.85		12,308.89	8,834.00	(3,474.89)
VPP Trapping Program Charges	-	46,931.94	16,359.59	2,449.43		65,740.96	142,156.00	76,415.04
VMB Trapping Charges	-	12,413.16	18,112.70	2,814.04		33,339.90	32,932.00	(407.90)
VMB Parasite Release Project	-	1,646.98	-	26,430.16		28,077.14	52,499.00	24,421.86
SLF Trapping Program	-	10,029.23	1,082.26	1,055.97		12,167.46	32,428.00	20,260.54
Sentinel Trapping Program	-	31,303.54	502.03	1,065.94		32,871.51	92,115.00	59,243.49
Outreach/Education	-	1,604.15	11,868.71	4,950.97		18,423.83	20,000.00	1,576.17
Research (Dr. Cooper)	-	36,775.00	-	-		36,775.00	36,775.00	-
UCCE Outreach/Education	-	42,000.00	-	-		42,000.00	42,000.00	-
Engineer's Report	5,800.00	-	-	-		5,800.00	5,800.00	-
Assessment Collection Fee	-	-	1,274.50	-		1,274.50	1,330.00	55.50
Administrative Costs	-	1,992.88	3,087.09	4,149.83		9,229.80	28,441.00	19,211.20
Transfer to Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure Totals	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 213,615.39	\$ 84,029.18	\$ 79,875.97	\$ -	\$ 383,320.54	\$ 620,787.00	\$ 237,466.46
Workload Completed								
		1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	YTD Total	Budgeted	
GWSS Non-Blue Tag Inspections		701	364	439			-	
GWSS VPP Traps in Service at the end of quarter		500	5	-			N/A	
CY Assessment Amount Levied	\$ 567,280.80							
Total Amount Collected to Date	558,845.42							
Remaining Balance of Assessment	\$ 8,435.38							
Prior Year Delinquent Asmt Balance	\$ 3,203.79							