



**North Coast Railroad Authority**

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**NORTH COAST RAILROAD AUTHORITY (NCRA)  
Special Board of Directors Meeting**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

Teleconference Only

*Zoom videoconferencing link provided to Board members. Audio call-in option listed below.*

Audio Call-in Option: 1 (408)638-0968 (in CA)

Meeting ID: 879 2234 2893

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Thanks to all for your interest and cooperation.

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hagele called to meeting to order at 10:30am.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Directors Present:** Marks, Haschak, Hart, Campbell, Connolly, Chair Hagele

**Directors Absent:** Gore, Madrone (joined at 10:33am), and McCowen (joined at 10:32am)

**Other Present:** Executive Director – Mitch Stogner, Legal Counsel – Elizabeth Coleman, and Recording Secretary – Hiedy Torres

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Upon Motion by Director Marks, seconded by Director Hart the Agenda was Approved as presented.

**Motion Carried:**

**AYES:** 6 - Marks, Haschak, Hart, Campbell, Connolly, Chair Hagele

**NOES:** 0

**ABSENT:** 3- McCowen, Madrone, and Gore

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

**Director McCowen joined the meeting at 10:32am**

**Director Madrone joined the meeting at 10:33am**

**E. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Partial SMART Buyout of 2006 Freight Contract between NCRA and NWP Co. Including SMART Assumption of Exclusive Freight Easement from Sonoma/Mendocino County Line (MP 89) to Napa Junction and Executing Related Agreements

Upon Motion by Director Marks, seconded by Director Hart the Board Approved the NCRA Staff Recommendation as written in the memorandum for Agenda Item E.1.

**Motion Carried:**

**AYES:** 8 - Marks, Haschak, Hart, Campbell, Connolly, McCowen, Madrone, and Chair Hagele

**NOES:** 0

**ABSENT:** 1 -Gore

**Public Comment:**

Leishara Ward, SB 1029 Project Manager , CalSTA – Ms. Ward said that the State Transportation Agency is in favor of the staff recommendations and encouraged the Board to approve this proposal.

2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding NCRA Executive Director Contract Renewal

Upon Motion by Director Marks, seconded by Director McCowen the Board Approved Executive Director Employment Contract Renewal.

**Motion Carried:**

**AYES:** 8 - Marks, Haschak, Hart, Campbell, Connolly, McCowen, Madrone, and Chair Hagele

**NOES:** 0

**ABSENT:** 1 -Gore

**Public Comment:**

Leishara Ward, CalSTA- Ms. Ward said that she supports this motion and Mitch's knowledge is extremely valuable to the SB 1029 Task Force. She also said that the state would like to see him carry through to the next step in this process.

**F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
Teleconference  
Monday, June 8, 2020 - 10:30 am

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hagele adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am