



Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

SUMMARY MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

Gary Jahns, Ph.D.
President

Susan Hare
Vice-President

Gail Bautista
Director

Rick Lanman, M.D.
Director

Paula Quintero
Director

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Associate Director
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Bill Leikam
Associate Director
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Kat Wilson
Associate Director

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District Clerk

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Consistent with Government Code section 54953(e) and Guadalupe-Coyote RCD Resolution 21-07, and in light of the declared state of emergency related to COVID-19, this meeting was held via a virtual platform.

Note: Though agenda items may be considered out of order (for example, to accommodate the schedules of guest speakers and/or members of the public in attendance for a specific item, or when items are removed from the consent agenda), the official minutes remain recorded in the same order as originally published in the official agenda. Number of votes are reflected in the following order: Aye-Nay-Abstention, with nays and abstentions called out by Director name.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order 5:04 p.m. by President Jahns. Directors present: President Jahns, Vice President Hare, and Directors Bautista, Lanman and Quintero (who experienced intermittent audio issues). Associate Directors present: Bill Leikam and Kat Wilson. Staff and consultants present: Executive Director/District Clerk Moreno, District Counsel Julie Gantenbein.

2. Approval of Agenda: Board did not amend the agenda.

3. Continuation of Local Emergency

*Motion: Adopt a resolution proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom's State of Emergency by Governor Newsom's on March 4, 2020, and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of GCRCD for the period of July 7, 2022 through August 6, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provision.
(Hare/Bautista; 5-0-0)*

4. Public Comment: Seth Schalet, Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, announced that the Council has a new Board Chair, James Wollbrinck, and will be inviting him to attend the next District meeting.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Lanman/Jahns; 5-0-0).

6. Presentation

Santa Clara County Agriculture: Joseph C. Deviney, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, and Julie Morris, UCCE Agricultural Liaison, gave a presentation on current challenges for local agricultural producers, discussed initiatives in which they would like to see the District become engaged, and answered questions from the Board and audience.

7. Partner Reports

- 7.1 *USDA-NRCS:* Kyle Venell, Soil Conservationist, gave the monthly report for the Hollister Service Center.
- 7.2 *Other Partners:* Director Lanman submitted questions regarding potential habitat impacts to Valley Water Government Relations liaison Genevieve Yip, who indicated she would get the answers and provide them back to the Board.

8. Programs and Projects

- 8.1 *California Department of Transportation (Caltrans):* Executive Director Moreno and San Jose Conservation Corps (SJCC) Executive Director/CEO reviewed the background and documents for a potential local agency cooperative agreement with Caltrans to administer a litter and weed-removal program for the San Jose Conservation Corps (SJCC).

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to enter into negotiations with Caltrans for the agreement, and further authorize her to execute the agreement after review and consultation with District Counsel. (Hare/Lanman; 5-0-0)

9. Administration:

- 9.1 *FY 2022-23 Budget:* Executive Director Moreno reviewed the draft budget documents, answered questions and made requested adjustments, including increasing the proposed ¾ time Program Coordinator position to a full-time position.

Motion: Approve the FY2022-23 Budget as amended, and authorize the Executive Director to make FY 2021-22 adjustments for year-end close. (Lanman/Quintero; 5-0-0)

- 10. *Board Member, Associate Director and Staff Reports:* : The Board received individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to GCRC.

- 11. **Adjourned meeting at 7:43 p.m. until October 6, 2022**

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Information Only:

- 5.1 Correspondence from the County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *Quarterly Investment Report for Schools and Special Districts for the period ending June 30, 2022;* dated August 12, 2022.
- 5.2 Correspondence from the County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *FY22 Year End Investment Information;* dated August 5, 2022.
- 5.3 Notice to the County of Santa Clara; *2022 Local Agency Biennial Notice;* dated August 29, 2022.