



North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District

(formerly the Guadalupe-Coyote RCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.



Physical Location:

1560 Berger Drive, San Jose, CA 95112 (Conference Room)

Online Computer or Mobile Device Access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372549281?pwd=KzNLSWlacFpWYWNLMU0rM29sdWlUdz09>

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Supporting Documents: <https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/2024-05-02-board-meeting>

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1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

2. **Meeting Agenda:** Discussion and action to approve the agenda as presented or amended.

3. **Public Comment – Matters Not on the Agenda:** This is an opportunity to address the Board of Directors on any item not on the agenda (§54954.2(b)). Per the adopted Rules of Order, it is the duty of the presiding officer at all times to preserve order at the meeting and to decide questions of order and parliamentary procedure, including but not limited to the discretionary imposition of a 3-minute limitation on comments per speaker. Please see the last page of the agenda for additional information regarding providing comments.

4. **Presentation:** Councilmember Domingo Candelas, San José District 8, will give a presentation and engage in discussion with the Directors regarding his City District initiatives that are relevant to NSCRCD's natural resource programs and projects.

5. **Consent Agenda:** Items on the consent agenda (see list at end of regular agenda items) are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any Director, Associate Director, staff, or member of the public may request an item be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for separate discussion and action.

6. Partner Reports:

6.1 **USDA-NRCS:** Report from District Conservationist James Booth, USDA-NRCS Hollister Service Center.

Susan Hare
President

Gail Bautista
Vice-President

Frank Maitski
Director

Paula Quintero
Director

Director (vacant)

Larry Johmann
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Rick Lanman, MD
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Bill Leikam
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Brian Schmidt
Associate Director

Mel Sarmiento
Associate Director

Kat Wilson
Associate Director

Stephanie Moreno
Executive Director &
District Clerk

Julie Gantenbein
District Counsel

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6.2 *Other Partners:* Updates from agencies and organizations who wish to share information regarding their agricultural and/or natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.

7. Administration:

7.1 *Director Appointment:*

7.1.1 Report from the ad hoc committee (Vice President Bautista and Director Maitski) appointed at the April Board meeting “to establish objective criteria for evaluating candidates for the open Director position”.

7.1.2 Discussion and possible action to interview candidates and appoint a successor to fill the remaining term for the seat vacated by Director McColl.

7.2 *California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD):*

7.2.1 Discussion and possible action regarding the CARCD elections for Vice President and Treasurer.

7.2.2 Discussion and possible action regarding CARCD response to requests for a special membership meeting and association records.

7.2.3 Discussion and possible action regarding CARCD Legislative Committee recommendations.

7.3 *Executive Director Report:* Administration updates.

8. Programs and Projects:

8.1 *Executive Director Report:* Program and project updates.

9. Board Member, Associate Director and Committee Reports:

9.1 Updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to the District.

10. Closed Session:

10.1 *Consideration of Continued Employment (Government Code § 54957(b)(1); 1 item).*
Position: Conservation Program Coordinator

11. Closed Session Report

12. Meeting Adjourned.

Consent Agenda

5.1 Approve minutes for the February 1, 2024 Board Meeting.

5.2 Approve minutes for the March 7, 2024 Board Meeting.

5.3 Approve minutes for the April 4, 2024 Board Meeting.

5.4 Accept financial reports through March 2024.

5.5 Authorize the Executive Director to change the June 6, 2024 Board meeting start time to 5:30 p.m. to accommodate a change in a Director’s work schedule, and direct that discussion and possible action regarding a permanent time change be placed on the agenda the June 6, 2024 Board Meeting.

5.6 Authorize cancellation of the July 4, 2024 Board meeting as it falls on a designated federal, State and District holiday.

5.7 Authorize the Executive Director to execute landowner agreements with multi-family property owners to provide services, supplies, and purchase and/or installation of equipment benefiting residential renters as part of the Zen collaborative project with the City of San Jose.

5.8 Authorize the Executive Director to execute a partnership agreement with the Franklin-McKinney School District in order to provide services, supplies, and purchase and/or installation of equipment to benefit the Santee Community Garden as part of the Zen collaborative project with the City of San Jose.

5.9 Authorize the Executive Director to sign a partnership agreement with the Franklin-McKinney Children’s Initiative (FMCI) to provide services, supplies, and purchase and/or installation of

- equipment benefitting the FMCI Community Center and the Educare Family Resource Center as part of the Zen collaborative project with the City of San Jose.
- 5.10 Authorize the Executive Director to sign a partnership agreement with City of San Jose's Park, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS) to provide services, supplies, and purchase and/or installation of equipment benefitting the Fair Swim Center as part of the Zen collaborative project with the City of San Jose.
 - 5.11 Authorize the Executive Director to submit the *Oak Woodland Conservation in Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) and Non-Urban Areas of Santa Clara County* a three-year grant proposal in the amount of \$220,827.20 to CARCD for a block grant application to the Wildlife Conservation Board; project to be implemented with multiple partners, including but not limited to, the Loma Prieta RCD, the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, and the Institute for Historical Ecology; and to submit and execute all documents, including but not limited to agreements, amendments, payment requests, and notices, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.
 - 5.12 Authorize the Executive Director to develop and submit an application in an amount estimated at \$450,000 for a three-year *USDA Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative* cooperative agreement to develop and implement a regional program in collaboration with interested RCDs, local Tribes, ranching associations, grazing coalitions, land trusts, and/or public agency land managers, to identify and address barriers to accessing grazing assistance for producers, including outreach and support for reaching underserved producers.
 - 5.13 Authorization for the Executive Director to attend the 2024 National Association of Conservation District (NACD) Pacific & Southwest Region Meeting, scheduled for September 11-13, 2024 in Anchorage, Alaska, in response to an invitation to co-present with NACD's Equity and Outreach Program Analyst in an outreach strategies workshop that will feature NSCRCD's Farm and Ranch Resilience Program; District expenses not to exceed \$2,900, including but not limited to registration, transportation, lodging, and per diem, without additional approval by the Board of Directors.

Information Only:

- 5.14 Santa Clara County LAFCO; *Adoption of Proposed LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 & Notice of the June 5, 2024 Public Hearing*; received April 12, 2024.
- 5.15 County of Santa Clara Office of Sustainability; *NFWF Watershed & Community Resilience Project Listening Sessions*; received April 26, 2024.
- 5.16 Letter to Valley Water from District Counsel on behalf of District; *WY 2023 Draft Mitigation and Monitoring Report*; delivered April 27, 2024.

The public may address the Board of Directors on any item not on the agenda (§54954.2(b)) and may provide comments before or during the Board's consideration of items (§54954.3(a)). No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Board or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of the Board or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of the Board, or the Board itself, subject to rules or procedures of the Board, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda (§54954.2(a)(3)).

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