



North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District

(formerly the Guadalupe-Coyote RCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.



Physical Location:

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

Online Computer or Mobile Device Access:

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Supporting Documents: <https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/2023-06-01-board-meeting>

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1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

2. President's Welcome and Call for Nominations for the District's Honor Roll of Resource Influencers

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Public Comment

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board of Directors on any item not on the agenda (§54954.2(b)) and to provide comments before or during the Board's consideration of items (§54954.3(a)). See "Notice to the Public" at the end of the agenda for additional information.

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.

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6. **Agricultural Producer Roundtable Discussion:** Several local members of the agricultural community, including Loma Prieta RCD's Board President Peter Van Dyke (Van Dyke Organics) and Director Sam Thorp (Spade and Plow Organics), will be on hand to answer questions and provide feedback to the Directors.

7. **Partner Reports**

- 7.1 *National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD):* Caleb Griffin, Pacific Region Representative, will give an overview of the association, which represents the nation's 3,000 conservation districts through grassroots advocacy, education and partnerships.
- 7.2 *USDA-NRCS:* Monthly report from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist James Booth, Hollister Service Center.
- 7.3 *Other Partners:* Updates from other partners who wish to share information regarding agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.

8. **Programs and Projects**

- 8.1 *CDFW Cannabis Restoration Grant Program:* Discussion and possible action to approve resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to submit applications, in partnership with the Alameda County and West Stanislaus RCDs, to the *California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Cannabis Restoration Grant Program Cleanup, Remediation, and Watershed Enhancement Funding Opportunity* in response to a request for habitat restoration landowner assistance on approximately 950 acres of land spanning the three-RCD area.
- 8.2 *California State Coastal Conservancy Grant Program:* Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to submit a grant application to the Coastal Conservancy, in partnership with Loma Prieta RCD, Santa Clara County Parks, and the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE), to develop and implement an agricultural stock pond habitat restoration program and permit streamlining program.
- 8.3 *Post-Disaster Technical Assistance Program:* Update on communications with the County of Santa Clara, USDA-NRCS and Lexington Hills constituents regarding 2022-23 winter storm damage.

9. **Administration**

- 9.1 *District Name Change:* Discussion regarding next steps in the process to implement the District's new name.
- 9.2 *District Reports and Updates:*
 - 9.2.1 *Board Committee Reports*
 - 9.2.2 *Executive Director and Staff Reports*
 - 9.2.3 *Director and Associate Director Updates*

10. **Adjourn Meeting**

Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Approve minutes for the April 6, 2023 Board Meeting.
- 5.2 Accept financial reports for April 2023.
- 5.3 Authorize the Executive Director to sign a joint letter of support for SB 675 (Senator Limón; *Prescribed grazing: local assistance grant program: Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force*).

Information Only:

- 5.4 County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors; *Support for Funding of Green Foothills Leadership Program*; May 8, 2023.
- 5.5 County of Santa Clara Controller-Treasurer Department; *FY23-24 Property Tax Distribution Schedule*; May 23, 2023.
- 5.6 Valley Water; *Join Valley Water for a public meeting about the Ogier Ponds-Coyote Creek Separation Project*; May 25, 2023.

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on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body 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 a legislative body 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 a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body 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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