



AGENDA

North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District (NSCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 5:45 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in the meeting, please contact us at gcrd@gcrd.org or <https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/contact-us>. Notifying the District at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will better enable us to quickly respond to requests for reasonable modification or accommodation.

Physical Location: 888 N. 1st Street, Suite 204, San Jose, CA 95112

Online Computer or Mobile Device Access:

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

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Supporting Documents: <https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/2025-02-06-board-meeting>

- 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)). As presiding officer, the Board President may choose to impose a 3-minute limitation per speaker. Please see the last page of this agenda for additional information regarding public comments.
- 4. Consent Agenda:** Items on the consent agenda (see itemized list at the end of the agenda) are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any Director, Associate Director, staff, or member of the public may ask a question regarding any item or request an item be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for separate discussion and action.
- 5. Partner Reports:** Updates from agencies and organizations regarding their agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.
- 6. Presentation:** Megan Fluke, Consultant, will present the completed SWOT Analysis; discussion and possible action to accept the SWOT Analysis.

7. Programs and Projects:

7.1 Federal Executive Orders:

- 7.1.1 Update from Executive Director Moreno on potential financial impacts to the District's *Farm and Ranch Resilience Program*.
- 7.1.2 Report and recommendation from President Maitski and Vice President Bautista regarding the District's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

8. Administration:

- 8.1 *Strategic Planning*: Discussion and possible action to determine next steps in the development of the District's long range plan.
- 8.2 *Board Meetings*: Discussion and possible action regarding the regular meeting date, time, and meal provisions (continued from January meeting).

9. Board Member, Associate Director, Committee, and Executive Director Reports: Other updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to the District.

10. New Business/Items for Next Agenda

11. Meeting Adjourned

Consent Agenda

Action Items:

- 4.1. Approve minutes for the December 5, 2024 Regular Board meeting.
- 4.2. Accept financial statements for December 2024.
- 4.3. Authorize the Executive Director to approve an expense reimbursement claim in the amount of \$902.07 for Director Roben (2025 EcoFarm Conference in Asilomar).
- 4.4. Authorize the Executive Director to proceed with FY 2026 H-1B lottery registration and filing of a petition (if selected in the lottery) for FY 2026 on behalf of Nuoxian (Teddy) Peng; registration cost of \$790 and petition cost of \$5,610 (latter applies only if selected in the lottery).
- 4.5. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the agreement with Megan Fluke to allow for additional hours needed for presentation and final completion of the SWOT analysis in the amount of \$1,250 (5 hours @ \$250).
- 4.6. Authorize the Board President or their designee to sign a no-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), as authorized by Public Resources Code §9408(a) and subject to final review by District Council, with the Alameda County, Contra Costa, Loma Prieta, Solano and Suisun RCDs to formalize their mutual initiative to collaborate on agricultural programs, watershed restoration and enhancement projects, community outreach, and public education.
- 4.7. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a no-cost amendment to the agreement with Prometheus Fire Consulting for a change to the scope of work for the San Antonio Valley Vegetation Treatment Project (Project ID 2024-31), as required for the scope of work for CAL FIRE Agreement 5GA2155.

Information Only:

- 4.8. USDA Forest Service; *Aerial Detection Survey: 2024 Summary Report* (Tree Mortality and Damage); undated.

- 4.9. County of Santa Clara, Controller-Treasurer; *Los Gatos Notice of January 2025 RPTTF Distribution*; received January 2, 2025.
- 4.10. County of Santa Clara, Controller-Treasurer; *San Jose Notice of January 2025 RPTTF Distribution*; received January 2, 2025.
- 4.11. Santa Clara County Farm Bureau; *AG SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Santa Clara County Farm Bureau's Linda L. Lester Scholarship Application - DUE 3/7/2025* (outreach to students); received January 13, 2025
- 4.12. State Water Resources Control Board; *Department of Water Resources' Proposed Alternative to Modular Alternative 6a for New or Expanded Diversion Projects*; received January 16, 2025.
- 4.13. State Water Resources Control Board; *Opportunity to comment on a draft NPDES permit for groundwater treatment facilities in the San Francisco Bay region*; received January 17, 2025.
- 4.14. State Water Resources Control Board; *Second Amended Hearing Notice and Procedural Ruling (DCP)*; received January 17, 2025.
- 4.15. Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative; *ATTN: SC4 Resilience Fund Advisory Committee Member Position Application - OPEN NOW!*; received January 23, 2025.
- 4.16. Valley Water; *Working to protect Coyote Creek from flooding*; received January 27, 2025.
- 4.17. The Mercury News; *California farms fail as land values plunge amid groundwater crisis*; published January 28, 2025.
- 4.18. US Bureau of Land Management; *Bureau of Land Management – California* (outreach to students); received January 29, 2025.
- 4.19. State Water Resources Control Board; *Opportunity to Provide Public Comment - Draft 2026 California 303(d) List of Impaired Waters*; received January 30, 2025.
- 4.20. Together Bay Area; *Urban Communities, Thriving Ecosystems*; received January 30, 2025.
- 4.21. County of Santa Clara, Department of Planning and Development; *Lehigh 2023 Major RPA has been deemed complete*; received January 30, 2025.
- 4.22. The Mercury News; *Santa Clara County opts not to ban artificial turf on county-owned properties*; published January 30, 2025.
- 4.23. CAL FIRE; *\$5 Million Available to Promote Tribal Wildfire Resilience*; received January 30, 2025
- 4.24. San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board; *Notice of proposed settlement with Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. in Santa Clara County*; received January 31, 2025.
- 4.25. Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP); *SCVURPPP Muni Ops AHTG - Rural Roads Workshop March 6th*; received January 31, 2025.
- 4.26. UC Davis; *How Urban Streams, Climate Change and Unhoused People Intertwine*; January 27, 2025 (District is a partner on the *Resilient and Equitable Urban Stream Corridors* Project).
- 4.27. LAFCO of Santa Clara County; *LAFCO Agenda Packet Now Available*; scheduled for February 5, 2025.
- 4.28. San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission; *BCDC Rising Sea Level Commissioner Working Group Meeting February 6th*; received January 24, 2025.
- 4.29. Santa Clara County Superior Court, Civil Grand Jury; *Webinar Opportunity: Demystifying the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury*; scheduled for February 10, 2025.

- 4.30. Coastal Conservancy; *Coastal Conservancy Hybrid Board Meeting*; scheduled for February 13, 2025 (*Se proporciona interpretación en español en vivo durante nuestras reuniones de la Junta en la teleconferencia de Zoom.)
- 4.31. Fresh Approach Bay Area; *Garden Workshop: "Soil Biology 101 / Biología de la Tierra 101"*; scheduled for March 1, 2025 (registration required).
- 4.32. NSCRCD/LPRCD; 亚洲种植者土壤健康教育与交流活动/*Asian Grower Soil Health Education and Networking Event*; scheduled for March 13, 2025
- 4.33. Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Otto Lee; *Save The Date March 14th - Special Invitation State Of The County Address - El Estado del Condado - Bài Phát Biểu của Quận Hạt - 縣情報告會*, scheduled for March 14, 2025.
- 4.34. Alameda County RCD; *Save the Date 2025 State of the Alameda Creek Watershed Conference*; scheduled for May 1, 2025.

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)). Disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda that are distributed by the District to all or a majority of the Board of Directors are available for public inspection on our website (www.rcdsantaclara.org) or in person. In response to COVID-19, our physical offices are currently closed to the public; to make arrangements to view or receive copies of the documents in person, please contact the District Clerk at 408-288-5888 or gcrsd@gcrsd.org.