



# Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (new name of North Santa Clara RCD is pending State confirmation)

An independent special district of the State of California

## AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Susan Hare  
President

Gail Bautista  
Vice-President

Gary Jahns, Ph.D.  
Director

Rick Lanman, M.D.  
Director

Paula Quintero  
Director

Larry Johmann  
Associate Director  
Director Emeritus

Bill Leikam  
Associate Director  
Director Emeritus

Mel Sarmento  
Associate Director

Kat Wilson  
Associate Director

Stephanie Moreno  
Executive Director  
District Clerk

Paulina Binsfeld  
Conservation Program  
Coordinator

Roger Castillo  
Watershed Project  
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Julie Gantenbein  
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- 1. Introduction of New Directors**
- 2. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**
- 3. President's Welcome and Call for Nominations for the District's Honor Roll of Resource Influencers**

*This meeting the District will recognize the importance of all native organisms, not just the charismatic species such as grey fox, elk, salmon, or beaver. Directors will be asked to nominate an un-charismatic native organism to the District's informal Honor Roll of Resource Influencers.*

- 4. Approval of Agenda**
- 5. 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.*

## 6. Presentations

*District Overview:* For the benefit of the new Directors, District Counsel Julie Gantenbein will review the California Public Records Act and the Brown Act, including changes to in-person meeting requirements for Directors; Executive Director/District Clerk Stephanie Moreno will present an overview of the District's authorities, responsibilities, history, operations, and policies.

## 7. 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.*

## 8. Partner Reports

- 8.1 *USDA-NRCS:* Monthly report from District Conservationist James Booth, Hollister Service Center.
- 8.2 *Other Partners:* Updates from other partners who wish to share information regarding agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.

## 9. Administration:

- 9.1 *District Name Change:* Update from President Hare on the action taken by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to approve the District's name change request, and discussion and possible action regarding allocation of funding for community outreach and rebranding activities, including the formation of an ad hoc rebranding committee.
- 9.2 *Policies:* Discussion and possible action on the recommendation from President Hare to form an ad hoc committee to review and recommend changes to the *Director Duties and Responsibilities Policy*.
- 9.3 *California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD):* Update from Director Quintero and Executive Director Moreno on the annual business meeting held on December 8, 2022.
- 9.4 *Board Member, Associate Director and Staff Reports:* Individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to GCRCD.

## 10. Adjourn Meeting

### Consent Agenda

- 7.1 Approve minutes for the December 1, 2022 Board Meeting.
- 7.2 Adoption of a resolution to allow continued remote teleconference meetings due to COVID-19 emergency.
- 7.3 Approve the *2023 Holiday Schedule*.

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