

North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District

An independent special district of the State of California



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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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>

Phone Audio Only: +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) Meeting ID: 853 7254 9281 Passcode: 110422

Supporting Documents: <https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/2024-12-05-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. Introductions:** Members of the Board, including the Directors newly appointed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on December 3, 2024, will be given an opportunity to introduce themselves and share background information.
- 4. 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 Board President 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 this agenda for additional information regarding public comments.*
- 5. 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 request an item be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for separate discussion and action.*
- 6. Presentation:** *Healthy Playing Fields for Healthy Kids:* Susan Hinton, Chair of the Plastic Pollution Prevention Committee for the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, and Andrea Wald, member of the Community for Natural Play Surfaces, will give a presentation and answer questions on the environmental and health impacts of artificial turf.

7. Partner Reports:

- 7.1 *USDA-NRCS*: Report from the District Conservationist on behalf of the USDA-NRCS Hollister Service Center.
- 7.2 *Other Partners*: Updates from agencies and organizations who wish to share information regarding their agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.

8. Programs and Projects:

- 8.1 *Historic Sakauye House*: Report from the Executive Director on local efforts to move the historic Japanese farmhouse to History Park from its current location on a nearly 23-acre farm approved by the City of San José for residential and commercial development.
- 8.2 *Current Programs and Projects*: Overview by the Executive Director on active and pending programs and projects.

9. Administration:

- 9.1 *Policies*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement, subject to review and approval by District Counsel, with an employment law specialist in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a personnel policy review and handbook update.
- 9.2 *California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)*: Discussion and possible action to select the CARCD delegate and alternate voting delegates to represent the District and its interests at CARCD meetings and events.
- 9.3 *Santa Clara County Special Districts Association (SCCSDA)*: Discussion and possible action to select the SCCSDA primary and alternate designates to represent the District and its interests at SCCSDA meetings and events.
- 9.4 *District Name Change*: Report from ad hoc Naming and Branding Committee.
- 9.5 *District Meetings*: Discussion and possible action regarding regular meeting date, time, and meal provisions.

10. Board Member, Associate Director, Committee, and Executive Director Reports:

- 10.1 Updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to the District.

11. New Business/Items for Next Agenda

12. Meeting Adjourned

Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Approve minutes for the October 1, 2024 Regular Board meeting.
- 5.2 Accept financial statements for October 2024.
- 5.3 Approve the 2025 holiday schedule.
- 5.4 Authorize the Executive Director to implement the “Contracts Requiring Special Skills” section of the NSCRCD Bidding Policy and execute an agreement with Prometheus Fire Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for completion of Section 1 of the San Antonio Valley Vegetation Treatment Project (Project ID 2024-31), as required by the scope of work for CAL FIRE Agreement 5GA21155.

Information Only:

- 5.5 Public comments submitted by NSCRCD to Santa Clara County LAFCO; *RE: Comprehensive Review and Update of LAFCO Policies*; dated November 13, 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)). 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 gcrd@gcrd.org .