



# Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

## AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Gary Jahns, Ph.D.  
President

Susan Hare  
Vice-President

Gail Bautista  
Director

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Director

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**1. Call to Order, Determination of Quorum, and President's Welcome**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**3. Continuation of Local Emergency**

Adopt a resolution making required findings that circumstances of the local state of emergency continue to exist; re-ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020; extending the initial 30-day local state of emergency for the earlier of an additional 30-day period or until the Board of Directors suspends the local State of Emergency; and re-authorizing use of remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of GCRCD pursuant to Brown Act provisions, as authorized by AB 361, an act to add and repeal Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of, and to add and repeal Section 11133 of, the Government Code, relating to open meetings.

**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. Presentations:**

- 5.1 *Retirement Plans:* Presentation by Michael Kleczek, CRC®, CalPERS 457 Business Development Manager regarding the opportunity to offer an IRS 457(b) deferred compensation plan as a benefit for District employees; discussion and possible action authorizing the Executive Director to apply to CalPERS for a 457 Retirement Plan as a replacement for the existing Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) Plan.
- 5.2 *Climate Action Initiative:* Presentation from Julie Benabente, Climate Smart Deputy Director for the City of San José, on the Climate Smart Zero Emissions Neighborhood Pilot and Climate Smart GoGreen Teams Projects; discussion and possible action authorizing the Executive Director to execute a partnership agreement with the City of San Jose in the amount of \$73,000.

**6. 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.*

**7. Partner Reports**

- 7.1 *USDA-NRCS:* Monthly report from District Conservationist James Booth, Hollister Service Center.
- 7.2 *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 *Valley Water Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Grants & Partnerships Program:* Discussion and possible action authorizing partnership on grant application(s).
- 8.2 *Community Grant Writing Technical Services:* Update from Executive Director on initial outreach efforts and responses.

**9. Administration:**

- 9.1 *District Name:* Discussion and possible direction to the Executive Director to determine the legal requirements and recommended outreach efforts to change the legal name of the District (agenda item requested by Director Lanman).

**10. Board Members, Associate Director and Staff Reports:**

- 10.1 Individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to GCRC.

**11. Adjourn Meeting**

**Consent Agenda**

- 5.1 Approve minutes for the February 3, 2022, Board Meeting.
- 5.2 Accept financial reports through January 2022.
- 5.3 Authorize the Executive Director to apply to the Special District Leadership Foundation for a Special District Technology Grant in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.
- 5.4 Committee Referral: Authorize the Ad Hoc Environmental Justice Committee to review and provide comments to the California Association of Resource Conservation District (CARCD) Bay-Delta Region Chair regarding the draft Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee Charter for CARCD.

**Information Only**

- 5.5 Correspondence from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); *USDA to Invest \$1 Billion in Climate Smart Commodities, Expanding Markets, Strengthening Rural America*; dated February 8, 2022.

- 5.6 Correspondence from the County of Santa Clara; *County of Santa Clara Treasury Investment Portfolio Status*; dated February 10, 2022.
- 5.7 Correspondence from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region; *Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Public Hearing for County of Santa Clara's Oregon Expressway Underpass NPDES Permit Reissuance*; dated February 11, 2022.
- 5.8 GCRCO Correspondence to the Santa Clara County Fish & Game Commission; *South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition's (SBCCC) Los Gatos Creek Anadromous Salmonid Habitat Improvement Conceptual Design Project*; dated February 15, 2022.
- 5.9 Comments to Valley Water regarding the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Draft Environmental Impact Report from:
  - 5.9.1 United States Fish and Wildlife Service; *Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project in Santa Clara County, California*; dated February 9, 2022.
  - 5.9.2 Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency; *RE: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project (PREP) Draft EIR/EIS Comments*; dated February 8, 2022.
  - 5.9.3 California Department of Fish and Wildlife; *Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, Draft Environmental Impact Report, SCH No. 2017082020, Santa Clara, San Benito, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties*; February 11, 2022.
  - 5.9.4 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); *NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service's Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project in Santa Clara County, California*; dated February 14, 2022.
  - 5.9.5 Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter; *RE: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Draft EIR (State Clearinghouse #2017082020)*; dated February 14, 2022.
  - 5.9.6 Cal Trout and GCRCO; *Re: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Draft Environmental Impact Report*; dated February 15, 2022.
  - 5.9.7 State Water Resources Control Board; *Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse #2017082020) for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project in Santa Clara County*; dated February 15, 2022.
- 5.10 Correspondence from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region; *San Francisco Bay Municipal Regional NPDES Stormwater Permit (MRP) reissuance schedule update*; dated February 23, 2022.
- 5.11 Correspondence from California Water Quality Monitoring Council; *EJScreen 2.0 Training Webinar on March 9th, 2022 at Noon E.T.*; dated February 23, 2022.
- 5.12 Correspondence from California Water Quality Monitoring Council; *Notice for Public Comment: State Agency Sea Level Rise Action Plan*; dated February 24, 2022.
- 5.13 California High Speed Rail Authority; *California High-Speed Rail Releases Final Environmental Studies to Connect Silicon Valley and Central Valley*; dated February 25, 2022.

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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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