



**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, May 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**



**Physical Location:**

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

**Online Computer or Mobile Device Access:**

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

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**Supporting Documents:**

<https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/2023-05-04-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**

This month: most iconic foothill habitats. Resource/inspiration here:

<https://parks.sccgov.org/about-parks/natural-resource-management/plants-habitat-0>

**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. **Presentation:** Executive Director Megan Fluke, Program Director Andrea Fraume Valencia and Program Alumna (and District Associate Director) Kat Wilson will give a presentation on the *Green Foothills Leadership Program*.
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 *Community Grant Program:* Update on the District's *Grant-Writing Technical Assistance Program*.
  - 8.2 *Partnership Request:* Discussion and possible action to consider a partnership request from Dr. Rick Lanman, Institute for Historical Ecology (IHE) President (and District Associate Director) to execute an agreement with IHE in the amount of \$12,000 (\$10,000 GCRCD; \$2,000 IHE) to perform a habitat suitability analysis for redwood trees in support of future implementation of local tree planting activities to increase long-term carbon sequestration and enhance ecosystem services within the District.
9. **Administration**
  - 9.1 *Associate Director Appointment:* Approve the recommendation of the Executive Director to appoint Brian Schmidt as GCRCD Associate Director for a 4-year term, effective May 4, 2023.
  - 9.2 *District Board Meetings:* Discussion and possible action to change the regular hours for the monthly Board meetings.
  - 9.3 *District Name Change:* Update on the status of the name change to *North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District*.
  - 9.4 *District Reports and Updates:*
    - 9.4.1 *Board Committee Reports*
    - 9.4.2 *Executive Director and Staff Reports*
    - 9.4.3 *Director and Associate Director Updates*
10. **Adjourn Meeting**

#### Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Approve minutes for the March 2, 2023 Board Meeting.
- 5.2 Accept financial reports for March 2023.

#### Information Only:

- 5.3 County of Santa Clara Controller-Treasurer's Office; *Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) June 1, 2023 Distribution Estimate; April 3, 2023.*

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