



Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

SUMMARY MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Rick Lanman, M.D.
President

Gary Jahns, Ph.D.
Vice-President

Gail Bautista
Director

Susan Hare
Director

Paula Quintero
Director

Roger Castillo
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Larry Johmann
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Bill Leikam
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Mel Sarmiento
Associate Director

Kat Wilson
Associate Director

Stephanie Moreno
Executive Director
District Clerk

Nathan Hale
NRC Program Manager

Julie Gantenbein
District Counsel

Richard Roos-Collins
Special Counsel

888 N 1st St., Ste 204
San Jose, CA 95112
408-288-5888
gcrd@gcrd.org
www.rcdsantaclara.org

Due to the Shelter-in-Place Order issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and the Santa Clara County Health Officer in response to COVID-19, this meeting was held via Zoom teleconference only, as permitted by the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, Section 3. Call-in information for the meeting was provided on the agenda.

Note: Though agenda items may be considered out of order (for example, to accommodate the schedules of guest speakers and/or members of the public in attendance for a specific item, or when items are removed from the consent agenda), the official minutes remain recorded in the same order as originally published in the official agenda. Number of votes are reflected in the following order: Aye-Nay-Abstention, with nays and abstentions called out by Director name.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by President Lanman. Directors present for the meeting: President Lanman, Vice-President Jahns, and Directors Bautista, Hare and Quintero. Staff present: District Counsel Gantenbein and Executive Director/District Clerk Moreno.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve the agenda as presented (Quintero/Bautista; 5-0-0).

3. Public Comment: President Lanman announced the research paper *Ancient DNA analysis of archaeological specimens extends Chinook salmon's known historic range to San Francisco Bay's tributaries and southernmost watershed* (PONE-D-20-38536R) was published on April 15, 2021 in the scientific journal PLOS ONE, a peer-reviewed open access scientific journal. He will be presenting it at the annual Salmonid Restoration Foundation meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

4. Community Grant Program

4.1 *Presentation:* Executive Director Stephanie Moreno reviewed the history of the program and the current grant process, and summarized the individual applications and review ratings. Representatives from the applicants were available to present information on their proposed projects and answer questions from the Board. Ms Moreno recommended the Board considering increasing the FY21 allocation for the program to \$22,500 in order to approve all five grant applications. She also proposed the Board consider actions to increase engagement with communities that were underrepresented in this grant cycle, such as by limiting the next round of applications to disadvantaged communities, or in lieu of the next round, hiring a grant writer who would be able to: 1) work with community organizations to help them write grant applications to other funders to build their capacity; and 2) write grant applications for the District to increase funding capacity for programs and projects.

4.2 *FY20-21 Community Grants:* The Board took the following action during this portion of the meeting:

Motion: Approve the grant application for Grassroots Ecology (Hare/Bautista; 5-0-0).

Motion: Approve the grant application for Urban Wildlife Research Project (Quintero/Hare; 5-0-0).

Motion: Approve the grant application for Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, contingent upon the District seeing a robust ground squirrel mitigation program plan that has been approved by the City of San Jose. (Hare/Bautista; 5-0-0).

Motion: Approve the grant application for Friends of Stevens Creek Trail (Jahns/Quintero; 5-0-0).

Motion: Approve the grant application for Los Altos Community Foundation (Jahns/Quintero; 5-0-0).

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to execute any and all agreements for the grants awarded by the Board. (Hare/Jahns; 5-0-0).

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to make budget transfers in order to increase the Community Grant fund allocation to \$22,500 for FY20-21. (Jahns/Quintero; 5-0-0).

5. Meeting Adjourned at 6:44 p.m. to the June 3, 2021 meeting.

Notice to the Public

Members of 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 members of a legislative body 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 a legislative body 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 a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body 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)).

Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the District to all or a majority of the Board of Directors will be available for public inspection at the District Office, 888 N 1st Street, Suite 204, San Jose, California (call 408-288-5588 for office hours) or by sending an email to the District Clerk at gcrd@gcrd.org.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District at 408-288-5888, gcrd@gcrd.org, or via the "Contact Us" form at www.rcdsantaclar.org. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will better enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.