



Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

AGENDA

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

Gary Jahns, Ph.D.
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Vice-President

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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. 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.

6. Partner Reports

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

7. Programs and Projects

- 7.1 *Tule Elk Habitat Suitability Analysis Project*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to execute a sole source research agreement with Thomas Connor in the amount of \$14,400.

8. Administration:

- 8.1 *Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget*: Review reports; accept public comments; and discuss priorities for this fiscal year's budget and work plan.
- 8.2 *District Name Change*: Discussion and possible action to initiate the process to change the name of the District.
- 8.3 *Board Member, Associate Director and Staff Reports*: Individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to GCRC.

9. Determine Next Meeting Date and Adjourn Meeting

Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Approve minutes for the June 2, 2022, Board Meeting.
- 5.2 Accept financial reports through May 2022.
- 5.3 Authorize the President and Executive Director to sign letter of engagement with Harshwall & Company LLP for the FY 2020 & FY 2021 Biennial Audit.
- 5.4 Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with ReScape, a nonprofit organization, to partner on implementation of its successful Valley Water grant award for the *ReScape/Earth Foundries Bioswale Biochar Installation & Training Project*; project partnership approved by the District on March 3, 2022.
- 5.5 Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, a nonprofit organization, to partner on implementation of its successful Valley Water grant award for the *Environmental Stewardship through Education & Program Scaffolding Project*; project partnership approved by the District on March 3, 2022.

Information Only

- 5.6 Report released by Clean Water Action, Community Alliance with Family Farmers, CivicWell, University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources, and Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability; *SGMA and Underrepresented Farmers - Impact of Groundwater Sustainability Plans on Underrepresented Farmers*; dated May 2022.
- 5.7 Correspondence from the County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) Distribution*; dated June 1, 2022.
- 5.8 Correspondence from Santa Clara County Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO); *LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023*; dated June 6, 2022.

- 5.9 News Release from California High-Speed Rail Authority; *California High-Speed Rail Releases Final Environmental Studies to Finalize Project Alignment into San Francisco*; dated June 10, 2022.
 - 5.10 Correspondence from Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP); *FY 22-23 Watershed Watch Campaign Work Plan*; dated June 29, 2022.
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