



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, February 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

NOTICE PERTAINING TO TELECONFERENCING AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

Consistent with Government Code section 54953(e) and Guadalupe-Coyote RCD Resolution 21-07, and in light of the declared state of emergency related to COVID-19, this meeting will not be physically open to the public and all members will be teleconferencing into the meeting via a virtual platform. To maximize public safety while still maintaining transparency and public access, members of the public can listen to and participate in the meeting using the following methods:

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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**

- 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. 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 *Agricultural Stock Pond Program*: Update on the development of a countywide agricultural stock pond program, including permit streamlining, in collaboration with Loma Prieta RCD, the County of Santa Clara, and other agency partners.
- 7.2 *Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Disposal Program*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to submit a CalRecycle Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program application for abatement of the Clayton Road site.
- 7.3 *Tule Elk Habitat Project*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to execute a cooperative management agreement with Santa Clara University and the University of Oklahoma to develop and implement an ancient DNA sequencing protocol designed to determine the genetic similarity of historic and prehistoric elk in the south and west San Francisco Bay Region in collaboration with the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- 7.4 *Watershed Education and Technical Assistance Program*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to submit a U.S. Department of Transportation Culvert AOP Program partnership application to facilitate fish passage barrier removal within the Guadalupe watershed.

8. Administration

- 8.1 *Board Meetings*: Discussion and possible action to set the time and format for in-person Board of Director meetings, which are scheduled to resume in March 2023.
- 8.2 *Financial Services*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to execute a letter of engagement with Eide Bailly LLP for financial audit preparation at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00.
- 8.3 *Board Member, Associate Director and Staff Reports*: Individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to GCRC.

9. Adjourn Meeting

Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Adoption of a resolution to allow continued remote teleconference meetings due to COVID-19 emergency.
- 5.2 Authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreements for the CARCD Wildlife Conservation Board grant award received for the *Los Gatos Creek Watershed Restoration Project*.

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)).

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