



North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District

(formerly the Guadalupe-Coyote RCD)
An independent special district of the State of California

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.



Physical Location:

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

Online Computer or Mobile Device Access:

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1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

2. Meeting Agenda

Discussion and action to approve the agenda as presented or amended.

3. 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)). Per the adopted Rules of Order, it is the duty of the presiding officer at all times to preserve order at the meeting and to decide questions of order and parliamentary procedure, including but not limited to the discretionary imposition of a 3-minute limitation on public comments per speaker. See "Notice to the Public" at the end of the agenda for additional information.

4. 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.

5. Presentation

Morgan Hill Unified School District (MHUSD) FarmTECH Program: Michael Jochner, MHUSD Director of Student Nutrition, will give an overview of the school district's initiative to grow its own produce using environmentally friendly and sustainable

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practices, educate students about the future of farming, and work within the community to celebrate local produce.

6. Partner Reports

- 6.1 *USDA-NRCS*: Report from District Conservationist James Booth on behalf of the USDA-NRCS Hollister Service Center.
- 6.2 *Other Partners*: Updates from agencies and organizations who wish to share information regarding their agricultural and/or natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.

7. Programs and Projects

- 7.1 *NRCS-RCD Local Work Group Meeting*: Results from the joint meeting held with Loma Prieta and San Benito RCDs on February 27, 2024.
- 7.2 *Strategic Planning Update*: Opportunity for individual Directors to outline their priorities for consideration in the development of the 2025-2029 Long Range Plan.
- 7.3 *Greater Bay Area Carbon Farm Hub (GBACH)*: Update on the name change to *Greater Bay Area Conservation Hub* to capture the group's expanded focus.
- 7.4 *Executive Director Updates*:
 - 7.4.1 *Farm and Ranch Resilience Program*: Outreach plan, recent activities, and upcoming workshop for Asian growers.
 - 7.4.2 *Redwood Habitat Suitability Analysis Project*: Preliminary findings and project outreach.
 - 7.4.3 *Tule Elk Habitat*: Research findings, NSCRCD Highway 101 Overcrossing Study Group, and proposed fencing project.
 - 7.4.4 *Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program*: Mapping work and increase in treatment areas.
 - 7.4.5 *Resilient and Equitable Urban Stream Corridors*: Staffing and budget changes.
 - 7.4.6 *Cannabis Restoration Grant Program*: Application update.
 - 7.4.7 *Silver Creek Linear Park Research Project*: Completion of focused gaging program.
 - 7.4.8 *Zero Emissions Neighborhood (ZEN) Pilot Project*: Urban greening activities and outreach.
 - 7.4.9 *Watershed Education and Technical Assistance*: Municipal habitat restoration technical assistance request.
 - 7.4.10 *Stock Pond Rehabilitation and Permit Streamlining Grant Proposal*: Collaboration update.

8. Administration

- 8.1 *District Logo Contest*: Update on scheduled outreach and contest timeline.
- 8.2 *California Association of Resource Conservation Districts*: Report from CARCD Delegate Frank Maitski.
- 8.3 *Board Reports*: Updates from Directors, Associate Directors and Committees.
- 8.4 *Executive Director Report*: Updates from the Executive Director.

9. Meeting Adjourned

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approve minutes for the January 4, 2024 Board Meeting.
- 4.2 Accept financial reports through January 2024.

Information Only:

- 4.3 County of Santa Clara Controller-Treasurer Department; *Proposition 19 Local Agency Registration*; dated February 9, 2024.

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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)). Disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda that are distributed by the District to all or a majority of the Board of Directors are available for public inspection on our website (www.rcdsantaclara.org) or in person. In response to COVID-19, our physical offices are currently closed to the public; to make arrangements to view or receive copies of the documents In person, please contact the District Clerk at 408-288-5888 or gcrccd@gcrccd.org .