

North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District (NSCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 5:45 p.m.



AGENDA

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Physical Location: 888 N. 1st Street, Suite 204, San Jose, CA 95112

Online Computer or Mobile Device Access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372549281?pwd=KzNLSWlacFpWYWVWYWNLMU0rM29sdWlUdz09>

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Supporting Documents: <https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/2025-04-03-board-meeting>

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 – Matters Not on the Agenda:** This is an opportunity to address the Board of Directors on any item not on the agenda (§54954.2(b)). As presiding officer, the Board President may choose to impose a 3-minute limitation per speaker. Please see the last page of this agenda for additional information regarding public comments.
4. **Consent Agenda:** Items on the consent agenda (see itemized list at the end of the agenda) are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any Director, Associate Director, staff, or member of the public may ask a question regarding any item or request an item be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for separate discussion and action.
5. **Presentation:** *New Machine Learning Model Identifies Optimal Sites for Coast Redwood Restoration in Santa Clara County*; presentation by Dr. Rick Lanman, NSCRCD Associate Director/President Emeritus; this research project was funded in part by NSCRCD.
6. **Partner Reports:** Updates from agencies and organizations regarding their agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.
7. **Administration:**
 - 7.1 *Federal Funding Update:* Update from the Executive Director on status of the District's USDA-NRCS grants.

- 7.2 *Long Range Plan*: Update regarding the Board retreat planned for May 3, 2025, which will be noticed as a special meeting.
- 7.3 *Policies*: Discussion and possible action to approve a *Legislative Advocacy Policy* for the District.
- 7.4 *Legislation*: Discussion and possible action regarding request from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) for letters of support for AB 259 and SB 496.

8. Board Member, Associate Director, Committee, and Executive Director Reports: Other updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to the District.

9. New Business/Items for Next Agenda

10. Meeting Adjourned

Consent Agenda

Action Items:

- 4.1 Ratify action taken by the Executive Director to submit a draft proposal for an estimated \$40,000 to the Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation in order to partner on their application for the *Muwekma Ohlone Wildfire Resilience Planning & Workforce Development at 'Ootchamin 'Ooyakma (Jasper Ridge)* project for a CAL FIRE Tribal Wildfire Resilience grant; if the grant is awarded, work will begin in FY25-26, and NSCRCD will coordinate technical assistance activities and workforce training with San Mateo RCD.

Information Only:

- 4.2 County of Santa Clara, Finance Agency; *Excess ERAF Distribution Update*; dated March 14, 2025.
- 4.3 County of Santa Clara, Finance Agency; *Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) June 2, 2025 Distribution Estimate*; dated March 28, 2025.

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 the Board 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 the Board 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 the Board, or the Board itself, subject to rules or procedures of the Board, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the Board 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.