



Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

SUMMARY

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Gary Jahns, Ph.D.
President

Susan Hare
Vice-President

Gail Bautista
Director

Rick Lanman, M.D.
Director

Paula Quintero
Director

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
Program Manager

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Watershed Project
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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: The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Jahns. Directors present: President Jahns, Vice-President Hare, and Directors Bautista and Quintero. Director Lanman was absent (excused). Staff present: Executive Director/District Clerk Moreno.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Quintero/Hare; 4-0-0).

3. Continuation of Local Emergency: Executive Director Moreno presented the information regarding the requirements of AB 361, which allows the Board of Directors to continue remote teleconferencing because in-person meetings would continue to cause imminent risk to attendees due to the continued threat of COVID-19.

Motion: Adopt a resolution proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom's State of Emergency by Governor Newsom's on March 4, 2020, and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of GCRCD for the period of June 2, 2022 through July 2, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provision. (Jahns/Quintero; 4-0-0)

4. Public Comment: None

5. Consent Agenda: Vice-President Hare asked if the District would be preparing comments in response to Item 5.9; Executive Director Moreno indicated her understanding was that comments would be prepared and that the District actively participates in stakeholder meetings.

Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Quintero/Hare; 4-0-0).

6. Partner Reports

6.1 *USDA-NRCS*: No report.

6.2 *Other Partners*: Genevieve Yip, Office of Government Relations, gave an update on Valley Water's policy and an assessment tool regarding encampment abatements in response to a question raised at the May Board meeting. President Jahns asked if efforts were being coordinated with the City of San Jose, and Executive Director Moreno asked how the tool results will be shared with the public. Ms Yip will provide follow up to the Board. Seth Schalet, Chief Executive Officer, Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, reported that the Council is in the process of updating the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and will be reaching out to the District for stakeholder input. Executive Director Moreno requested that the District also be included as a member of the CWPP working group. Director Hare asked if the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) would also be a stakeholder.

7. Programs and Projects

7.1 *Community Grant Writing Technical Services Program*: Executive Director Moreno reported that there have been three applicants approved for assistance; the contractor is continuing outreach; and the webinar outline has been developed, which may be rolled out as an on-demand series of webinars. She also reported she will be approving a term extension for the contractor past the original June 30, 2022, date to allow her to continue working since there is remaining funding allocated for the program.

7.2 *Valley Water Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Grants & Partnerships Program*: Executive Director Moreno reported that the two applications which the District partnered on were approved by Valley Water, but only at approximately 80% of the funding requested to allow for more applications to be approved within available funding. She will be putting requests for authorization for the necessary agreements with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and ReScape on a future consent agenda for approval.

8. Administration:

8.1 *CSDA Board of Directors Election*: In response to the Board's request for a recommendation, Ms. Moreno recommended the ballot be cast for incumbent Ryan Clausnitzer because special districts are facing some legislative challenges in response to the Little Hoover Report and she feels his extensive experience with CSDA will be important in responding to those challenges.

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to submit a ballot in favor of Ryan Clausnitzer of the Alameda Mosquito Abatement District for Seat B of the CSDA Board of Directors. (Quintero/Jahns; 4-0-0).

8.2 *Board Member, Associate Director and Staff Reports*: Director Hare mentioned she is concerned that the drought is not being taken seriously by the public and would like to identify ways the District can promote water conservation on its webpage. Executive Director Moreno suggested she could work with Ms Yip of Valley Water to provide links to their water conservation initiatives. Director Quintero requested that water conservation projects be identified that the District can collaborate on, and both her and President Jahns would like to see the District plan for increased participation in public events to promote District resources. Executive Director Moreno requested that the Directors let her know if they have any suggestions for allocations they would like to see included in the upcoming budget.

9. Adjourned meeting at 5:49 p.m. until the July meeting.

Consent Agenda

5.1 Approve minutes for the May 5, 2022, Board Meeting.

5.2 Accept financial reports through April 2022.

Information Only

- 5.3 Correspondence from the California Water Quality Monitoring Council; *OPC Releases its Draft Equity Plan for Public Comment*; dated May 10, 2022.
- 5.4 Correspondence from the California State Coastal Conservancy; *UPDATED: Strategic Plan Listening Sessions*; dated May 11, 2022.
- 5.5 Correspondence from County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *Quarterly Investment Report for Schools and Special Districts for the period ending March 31, 2022*; dated May 11, 2022.
- 5.6 Correspondence from the California Water Quality Monitoring Council; *California 2020-2022 Integrated Report Approved by U.S. EPA*; dated May 12, 2022.
- 5.7 Correspondence from Alameda County Resource Conservation District; *State of the Alameda Creek Watershed Conference Recap*; dated May 16, 2022.
- 5.8 Correspondence from Valley Water; *Valley Water Survey - Your Input is Needed: One-Water Guadalupe Watershed Planning Effort*; dated May 17, 2022.
- 5.9 Correspondence from Valley Water; *Valley Water Stream Maintenance Program Renewal Notice of Preparation*; May 26, 2022.

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