



Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

SUMMARY MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Rick Lanman, M.D.
President

Gary Jahns, Ph.D.
Vice-President

Gail Bautista
Director

Susan Hare
Director

Paula Quintero
Director

Roger Castillo
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Larry Johmann
Associate Director
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Bill Leikam
Associate Director
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Mel Sarmiento
Associate Director

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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:** Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by President Lanman. Directors present: President Lanman, Vice-President Jahns, and Directors Bautista, Hare and Quintero. Associate Directors present: Bill Leikam. Staff present: District Counsel Gantenbein (arrived at 5:47 p.m.) and Executive Director/District Clerk Moreno.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Bautista/Hare; 5-0-0)
3. **Public Comment**
The Board acknowledged Jenni Benson from Point Blue Conservation Science and Matthew Frazier, member of the public. Seth Schalet, Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, reported that the agreement has been executed for the Forest Health Project, and thanked GCRCD for being a project supporter. Bill Leikam, Urban Wildlife Research Project (UWRP) reported that there were no gray fox pups born this season, which will impact the commencement of their radio collaring project, and that they are instead discussing habitat restoration possibilities this year. In response, ED Moreno reported that UWRP has requested a non-substantive modification to change the term of the grant, and President Lanman requested that an item be placed on the next agenda to change the scope of services to allow UWRP to use the funding for restoration activities.
4. **Consent Agenda**
Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Hare/Quintero; 5-0-0)
5. **Public Hearing (continued from July 15, 2021)**
 - 5.1 *Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:* Executive Director Moreno reviewed the working draft of the revised final budget from the July meeting, and the Board discussed additional changes. Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to provide public input.

Motion: Adopt the final FY21-22 Budget as amended, approve the addition of new positions, and authorize the Executive Director to make account transfers necessary to close out the FY20-21 Budget. (Quintero/Jahns; 5-0-0)

6. Administration

6.1 *COVID-19 Response:* ED Moreno reviewed information regarding AB 361 (Rivas), which will allow public agencies to continue holding Brown Act meetings online but has not yet been signed by the Governor. She recommended the Board adopt a resolution making required findings in anticipation that AB 361 will be signed and become effective prior to the next meeting. If AB 361 is vetoed, the Board will have to reconvene in-person Board meetings, starting with the October Board meeting.

Motion: Adopt a resolution finding that resuming in-person meetings would provide an imminent risk to attendees and that GCRCDC will continue to meet online as authorized by AB 361 should the legislation be signed by the Governor. (Lanman/Quintero; 5-0-0)

7. District Reports

7.1 *Board Members/Associate Directors/Staff:* The Board heard updates regarding activities/topics relevant to the District.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. to the October meeting.

Consent Agenda

4.1 Approve minutes for the July 15, 2021, Board Meeting.

4.2 Adopt resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of USDA-NRCS grant funds for the *San Jose Community Composting Network* project, a collaborative project with the San Jose Conservation Corps + Charter School and Valley Verde.

Information Only

4.3 Notice from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region; *Notice of California Environmental Quality Act Scoping Meeting Basin Plan Amendment to Clarify Planning and Permitting Policies for Habitat Restoration and Multi-Benefit Climate Change Adaptation*; received July 15, 2021.

4.4 RCD Regional Carbon Farming Hubs Prospectus; *Scaling Carbon Farming in California through Regional Hubs*; received July 22, 2021.

4.5 Correspondence from County of Santa Clara Office of Sustainability; *Climate Roadmap 2030 Updates*; dated July 27, 2021.

4.6 Correspondence from Valley Water; *Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort Draft Environmental Impact Report Public Review Period Extension*; dated July 29, 2021.

4.7 Response from United States Environmental Protection Agency to Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association and Thousand Oaks Parks Conservancy Project; *Re: Environmental Threat/Guadalupe River/San Jose*; dated August 5, 2021.

4.8 Correspondence from County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *FY21 Year End Investment Information*; dated August 6, 2021.

4.9 Correspondence from the State Water Resources Control Board; *Notice: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permits*; dated August 18, 2021.

4.10 Correspondence from County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *Release of June 2021 Excess ERAF Set Aside Fund*; dated August 20 & August 23, 2021.

4.11 Correspondence from County of Santa Clara Department of Planning and Development; *Updates on the County's Proposed Overlay Zone for Unincorporated Coyote Valley*; dated August 25, 2021.

4.12 Notice from State Water Resources Control Board; *Update on Curtailment Status of Water Rights and Claims in the Delta Watershed and Reminder of Upcoming Deadlines*; dated August 27, 2021.

4.13 Correspondence from McBain Associates; *Recommendations for 2021 Reach 6 Gravel Augmentation*; dated August 27, 2021.

- 4.14 Correspondence from County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *County of Santa Clara Treasury Investment Portfolio Status*; dated August 30, 2021.
- 4.15 Invitation from Our City Forest; *Launch of Outdoor Education Classroom at Martial Cottle Park*; dated September 3, 2021.
- 4.16 Correspondence from USDA-NRCS; *Misinformation about USDA and Crop Destruction Letters*; dated September 3, 2021.
- 4.17 Notice from the City of San Jose; *Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the San Jose Bo-Town Mixed-Use Project*; received September 7, 2021.