



# Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

*An independent special district of the State of California*

## AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Rick Lanman, M.D.  
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Gary Jahns, Ph.D.  
*Vice-President*

Tess Byler  
*Director*

Bill Leikam  
*Director*

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*Director*

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*Director Emeritus*

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*Associate Director*

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*Associate Director*  
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**1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**3. Public Comment**

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**4. Consent Agenda**

*Items on the consent agenda (listed after the regular agenda items) are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any 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**

*Tuolumne River Trust (TRT): Peter Drekmeier, TRT Policy Director, will give a presentation on regional efforts to balance water supply and environmental protection.*

**6. Partner Reports**

6.1 *USDA-NRCS Report:* Updates from the District Conservationist for the Hollister Service Center regarding agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, program and projects.

6.2 *Valley Water Report:* Update from the Valley Water liaison regarding agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs and projects.

6.3 *Other Partner Reports:* 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 *Post-Fire Technical Assistance*: Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement in compliance with the District's Bidding Policy for an independent contractor to collect pond samples for participating landowners in the Mount Hamilton area and develop District protocol for sampling and testing of future sites in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.
- 7.2 *Anadromous Fish*:
  - 7.2.1 *Natal Stream Research*: Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition for costs associated with the collection and isotopic analysis of Chinook salmon otolith in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.
  - 7.2.2 *Spawning/Migration*: Update on Coyote Creek and Guadalupe River anadromous fish migration and spawning, as observed by former Board President Roger Castillo.
- 7.3 *Tule Elk/Pronghorn*: Update from President Lanman regarding: 1) District outreach efforts to other agencies; and 2) planning efforts to host an educational workshop for regional RCDs and agencies to provide an overview of the history of Tule elk and Pronghorn in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties; review current State priorities and efforts regarding elk and pronghorn management; identify the ecosystem benefits and challenges of expanding their current ranges; and develop next steps for stakeholder engagement.

## 8. Administration

- 8.1 *Associate Director Appointment*: Consideration and appointment of Kat Wilson as GCRCD Associate Director for a 4-year term ending December 3, 2024.
- 8.2 *Office Space Lease*: Discussion and possible action regarding: 1) Civic Enterprises' requested amendment to the 2017 lease agreement; and 2) an opportunity to move to a ground-floor suite in the same location that would improve public access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- 8.3 *Personnel Policy*: Review and discussion of recommended policy; approve resolution adopting the new policy.
- 8.4 *Website Update*: Provide feedback on new website and authorize Executive Director to execute the agreement to add the Streamline Engage component to the website to facilitate outreach and public engagement, at an estimated cost of \$40.00/month.

## Adjourn Meeting

### Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approve minutes for the October 1, 2020 Regular Meeting
- 4.2 Approve minutes for the November 5, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- 4.3 Approve minutes for the November 19, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- 4.4 Accept financial reports for October 2020.
- 4.5 Authorize annual posting of holiday schedule for 2021.

### Information Only

- 4.6 Letter from County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *GASB 77- Tax Abatement Disclosures for FY19-20*, dated October 15, 2020.
- 4.7 Letter from County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *County of Santa Clara Treasury Investment Portfolio Status*, dated November 12, 2020.
- 4.8 Letter from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to Valley Water; *Proposed Reservoir Operations Plan after Construction of Anderson Dam Tunnel Project*; dated November 18, 2020.
- 4.9 Letter from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to FERC; *Resolution of NMFS' Comments Pertaining to Adjustable Weirs, Fish Monitoring, and Coyote Percolation Dam for Santa Clara Valley Water District's FERC Order Compliance Project (FERC Project No. 5737-000, -007)*; dated November 23, 2020.

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