

North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District (NSCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 5:45 p.m.



AGENDA

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

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Supporting Documents: <https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/2025-03-06-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. **Partner Reports:** Updates from agencies and organizations regarding their agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.
6. **Programs and Projects:**
 - 6.1 *EcoFarm Conference:* Report from Director Roben regarding his participation in the 2025 annual conference hosted by the Ecological Farming Association (EcoFarm).

6.2 *Federal Funding Update*: Update from the Executive Director; discussion and possible action to continue District funding for the *Farm and Ranch Resilience Program* until the end of the August 2025 grant term.

7. Administration:

7.1 *Long Range Plan*: Discussion and possible action regarding the process, timeline, and budget for the 2025-2030 Long Range Plan.

7.2 *SWOT Analysis*: Report from Executive Director Moreno regarding the operational recommendations identified in the District's 2025 SWOT analysis.

7.3 *California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)*: Discussion and possible action regarding CARCD's request to contribute towards costs for a federal lobbyist to advocate on behalf of California's resource conservation districts regarding changes to federal funding and services.

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 Approve minutes for the January 9, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

4.2 Accept financial statements for January 2025.

4.3 Authorize Executive Director to implement new website domain name of www.nscrcd.org to reflect new District name.

4.4 Authorize Executive Director to open checking and savings accounts with a new financial institution to enhance accounting efficiencies and internal controls.

4.5 Authorize the Executive Director to approve the advance payment request for the community grant previously awarded to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy for their *Beginning Environmental Explorer (BEE) Early Youth Environmental Education Program*.

4.6 Authorize the Executive Director to execute amendments to consultant agreements for the San Antonio Valley Vegetation Treatment Project (Project ID 2024-31) as may be needed to complete the scope of work for CAL FIRE Agreement 5GA2155 by term end date of March 15, 2025; amendments subject to concurrence by CAL FIRE grant administration and operational staff; funding provided via the CAL FIRE grant.

Information Only:

4.7 County of Santa Clara, Finance Agency; *County of Santa Clara Treasury Investment Portfolio Status*; dated February 19, 2025.

4.8 Valley Water; *Lower Peninsula and West Valley Watershed Master Plans Kickoff Meeting*; scheduled for March 4, 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 gcrd@gcrd.org .