



North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District

(formerly the Guadalupe-Coyote RCD)
An independent special district of the State of California

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.



Physical Location:

1560 Berger Drive, San Jose, CA 95112 (Conference Room)

Online Computer or Mobile Device Access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372549281?pwd=KzNLSWlacFpWYWNLUMU0rM29sdWlUdz09>

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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

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board of Directors on any item not on the agenda (§54954.2(b)) and to provide comments before or during the Board's consideration of items (§54954.3(a)). Per the adopted Rules of Order, it is the duty of the presiding officer at all times to preserve order at the meeting and to decide questions of order and parliamentary procedure, including but not limited to the discretionary imposition of a 3-minute limitation on public comments per speaker. See "Notice to the Public" at the end of the agenda for additional information.

4. Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda (see list at end of regular agenda items) are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any Director, Associate 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. Partner Reports

5.1 *USDA-NRCS:* Monthly report from the USDA-NRCS Hollister Service Center.

5.2 *Other Partners:* Updates from other partners who wish to share information regarding agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.

Susan Hare
President

Gail Bautista
Vice-President

Frank Maitiski
Director

Cynthia McColl
Director

Paula Quintero
Director

Larry Johmann
Associate Director
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Rick Lanman, MD
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Bill Leikam
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Kat Wilson
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6. Administration

- 6.1 *Director Appointment (item continued from 01/04/24)*: Discussion and possible action regarding the anticipated resignation of Director McColl and the recruitment process for her successor.
- 6.2 *California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)*: Discussion and possible action to authorize District signature on a member petition to hold a CARCD special membership meeting and on a letter requesting association reports and documents.
- 6.3 *Strategic Planning Update*: Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed work plan for the 2025-2029 Long Range Plan.
- 6.4 *Board Reports*: Reports and updates from Directors, Associate Directors and Committees.
- 6.5 *Executive Director Report*: Report from the Executive Director.

7. Closed Session

Conference with District Counsel—Potential Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(d)(4); 1 item).

8. Return from Closed Session

9. Meeting Adjourned

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approve minutes for the December 7, 2023 Board Meeting.
- 4.2 Accept financial reports through December 2023.
- 4.3 Accept the biennial audit for FY19 & FY20.
- 4.4 Authorization for the Executive Director to submit a proposal and required documents to CSU-Water for consideration as a subrecipient on their statewide grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program*, in order to expand environmental and climate justice programming and activities aligned with the District's Environmental and Social Justice Policy.

Information Only:

- 4.5 County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *Los Gatos RDA SA RPTTF Distribution Notice and Summary*; dated January 2, 2024.
- 4.6 County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *San Jose RDA SA RPTTF Distribution Notice and Summary*; dated January 2, 2024.
- 4.7 County of Santa Clara Finance Agency, *RE: Excess ERAF Distribution Update*; dated January 25, 2024.
- 4.8 RCD Project Tracker; *NSCRCD Los Gatos Creek Watershed Restoration Project Fact Sheet*.
- 4.9 NSCRCD Press Release; *Habitat suitability assessment finds over 2,000 square miles of historically roamed habitat in the San Francisco and Monterey Bay Counties still suitable for Tule elk*; January 2024.

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