



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, April 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.



Physical Location:

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

Online Computer or Mobile Device Access:

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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 – 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)). 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 comments per speaker. Please see the last page of the agenda for additional information regarding providing comments.

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: Report from District Conservationist James Booth, USDA-NRCS Hollister Service Center.*
- 5.2 *Other Partners: Updates from agencies and organizations who wish to share information regarding their agricultural and/or natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.*

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Vice-President

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6. Administration

- 6.1 *Director Appointment*: Discussion and possible action regarding the successor appointment for the seat to be vacated by Director McColl.
- 6.2 *California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)*:
 - 6.2.1 *Elections*: Discussion and possible action to provide direction to Director Maitiski, CARCD Delegate, regarding the election of candidates in the upcoming officer elections.
 - 6.2.2 *Special Membership Meeting*: Discussion and possible action to provide direction to Director Maitiski, CARCD Delegate, regarding the requested special membership meeting to discuss association bylaws.
 - 6.2.3 *Member Records*: Update regarding the formal records request to CARCD.
- 6.3 *NSCRCD-SBRCD MOU*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the President or their designee to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with San Benito Resource Conservation District (SBRCD) to formalize the RCDs' mutual initiative to collaborate on agricultural programs, watershed restoration and enhancement projects, community outreach, and public education.
- 6.4 *Executive Director Report*: Other administration updates.

7. Programs and Projects

- 7.1 *Farm & Ranch Resilience Program*: Update on community engagement and proposed educational workshop series.
- 7.2 *Executive Director Report*: Other program and project updates.

8. Board Member, Associate Director and Committee Reports: Individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to the District.

9. Meeting Adjourned

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approve minutes for the February 1, 2024 Board Meeting.
- 4.2 Accept financial reports through February 2024.
- 4.3 Authorize the President or their designee to sign the Fourth Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Santa Clara County Weed Management Area.
- 4.4 Authorize the Executive Director to sign an agreement with the Santa Clara Council FireSafe Council to serve as lead agency for the CalVTP project-specific analysis (PSA) for the Los Gatos Creek Watershed Collaborative Forest Health Project.
- 4.5 Authorize the Executive Director to sign an agreement with the City of Palo Alto for the provision of technical assistance to their code enforcement division.
- 4.6 Authorize the Executive Director to submit a cooperative agreement continuation request to USDA NRCS California for the *Farm & Ranch Resilience Program*.
- 4.7 Authorize the Executive Director to submit authorization to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to include NSCRCD on their coalition letter being sent to in support of H.R. 7525, also known as "The Special District Grant Accessibility Act".

Information Only:

- 4.8 County of Santa Clara Controller-Treasurer's Office; *Excess ERAF Distribution Update*; received March 6, 2024.
- 4.9 County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *Quarterly Investment Report for Schools and Special Districts for the period ending December 31, 2023*; received March 21, 2024.
- 4.10 Valley Water; *Potential changes to Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program*; received March 29, 2024.
- 4.11 County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) June 3, 2024 Distribution Estimate*; received March 29, 2024.
- 4.12 San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board; *April 10, 2024 Agenda* (for off-site educational tour); received March 29, 2024.

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