



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, November 2, 2023, 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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Supporting Documents: <https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/2023-11-02-board-meeting#/>

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1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

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)). 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. Introduction of New District Employees

6. Partner Reports

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

6.2 *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 Maitski
Director

Cynthia McColl
Director

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7. Programs and Projects

- 7.1 *Agricultural Producer Technical Assistance:*
 - 7.1.1 *Urban Agriculture Technical Assistance Program:* Application update for the CDFA Urban Agriculture Grant Program block-grant application through CARCD.
 - 7.1.2 *Farm and Ranch Resilience Program:* Implementation update for the NRCS Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers Grant.
- 7.2 *Climate Action:*
 - 7.2.1 *Resilient and Equitable Urban Stream Corridors Research Project:* Implementation update for the UC Regents Climate Action 2023 Seed Award.
 - 7.2.2 *Zen Project:* Implementation update for the District's partnership project with the City of San Jose to implement urban greening activities in the Santee neighborhood.
- 7.3 *Community Engagement:*
 - 7.3.1 *Jewish Community Sustainability Fair:* Post-event update.
 - 7.3.2 *One Tree Planted Event at Veggielution Community Farm:* Post-event update.

8. Administration

- 8.1 *District Special Meeting:* Discussion and possible action to set the November special meeting date for the Board of Directors to tour the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (hosted by Valley Water).
- 8.2 *CARCD Representation:* Discussion and possible action to select the delegate and alternate delegate to represent the District in CARCD general and regional meetings.
- 8.3 *District Name Change:* Discussion and possible action regarding the draft marketing communications plan developed by the Ad Hoc Branding Committee.
- 8.4 *District Reports and Updates:*
 - 8.4.1 *Board Committee and Study Group Reports*
 - 8.4.2 *Executive Director and Staff Reports*
 - 8.4.3 *Director and Associate Director Updates*

9. Adjourn Meeting

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approve minutes for the September 2023 Board Meeting.
- 4.2 Accept financial reports for September 2023.
- 4.3 Authorize the Executive Director to sign the *Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative Commitment Letter* on behalf of the District.

Information Only:

- 4.4 County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *RPTTF Distribution Estimate for ROPS 23-24B (January 2024 Distribution)*; dated October 2, 2023.
- 4.5 Valley Water; *Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Draft EIR comment period extended*; received October 18, 2023.

Members of 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 members of a legislative body 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 a legislative body 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 a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body 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.