



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 2, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

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Vice-President

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1. Call to Order, Determination of Quorum, and President's Welcome

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Continuation of Local Emergency

Adopt a resolution making required findings that circumstances of the local state of emergency continue to exist; re-ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020; extending the initial 30-day local state of emergency originally scheduled to end on November 6, 2021 for the earlier of an additional 30-day period or until the Board of Directors suspends the local State of Emergency; and re-authorizing use of remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of GCRCD pursuant to Brown Act provisions, as authorized by AB 361, an act to add and repeal Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of, and to add and repeal Section 11133 of, the Government Code, relating to open meetings.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **Presentation:** Edmund Sullivan, Executive Officer for the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency, will give an overview of the agency and its current conservation priorities.

7. **Partner Reports**

- 7.1 *USDA-NRCS:* Monthly report from District Conservationist James Booth, Hollister Service Center.
7.2 *Other Partners:* Updates from other partners who wish to share information regarding agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.

8. **Programs and Projects**

- 8.1 *Community Grant Program:* Review and approval of Executive Director's recommended modification to scope of services for previously approved grantee Guadalupe River Park Conservancy.
8.2 *Tule Elk Habitat Program:* Progress update.

9. **Administration:**

- 9.1 *Community Grant Writing Services:* Discussion and possible action to award contract to the recommended contractor.
9.2 *Donations to the District:* Discussion and possible action regarding the acceptance of charitable donations to the District.
9.3 *Board Retreat:* Discussion and possible action to set a January 2022 date for a strategic and visioning special Board meeting.
9.4 *Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2022:* Accept nominations and elect Directors to the positions of President and Vice-President.

10. **Board Members, Associate Director and Staff Reports:**

- 10.1 Individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to GCRC.

11. **Adjourn Meeting**

Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Approve minutes for the October 7, 2021, Board Meeting.
5.2 Accept financial reports through October 2021.
5.3 Approve FY 2021-22 Annual Work Plan.
5.4 Approve 2022 Holiday Schedule.

Information Only

- 5.5 Correspondence from Jerry J. Smith, PhD; *Comments on the FAHCE draft EIR*; dated October 14, 2021.
5.6 Correspondence from CARCD: *CARCD Upcoming Funding Opportunities & Events*; dated November 5, 2021.
5.7 Article in EOS; *Academic Citations Evolve to Include Indigenous Oral Teachings* (<https://eos.org/articles/academic-citations-evolve-to-include-indigenous-oral-teachings>); dated November 9, 2021.
5.8 Article in Bay Nature; *Beavers Can Help California's Environment, But State Policy Doesn't Help Them* (<https://baynature.org/2021/11/11/beavers-can-help-californias-environment-but-state-policy-doesnt-help-them/>); dated November 11, 2021.

- 5.9 Correspondence from the City of San Jose; *Public Review Draft EIR: Cambrian Park Mixed-Use Village Project (PD20-007)*; dated November 12, 2021.
- 5.10 Correspondence from County of Santa Clara; *County of Santa Clara Treasury Investment Portfolio Status as of September 30, 2021*; dated November 17, 2021.
- 5.11 Correspondence from Valley Water; *Notice of Availability, Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Draft Environmental Impact Report*; dated November 17, 2021.
- 5.12 Correspondence from State Water Resources Control Board; *Notice of December 8th Bay-Delta Plan Information Item*; dated November 17, 2021.
- 5.13 Correspondence from County of Santa Clara; *Help Inform the County's Climate Roadmap*; dated November 22, 2021.
- 5.14 Correspondence from California High Speed Rail Authority; *FRA's General Conformity Determination for the San Jose to Merced Project Section Available for Public Comment Until December 27, 2021*; dated November 26, 2021.

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