



# North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District

(formerly the Guadalupe-Coyote RCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Hybrid In-Person and Online Format

(with Directors present in person at the meeting location)

*Note: Though agenda items may be considered out of order (for example, to accommodate the schedules of guest speakers and/or members of the public in attendance for a specific item, or when items are removed from the consent agenda), the official minutes remain recorded in the same order as originally published in the official agenda. Number of votes are reflected in the following order: Aye-Nay-Abstention, with nays and abstentions called out by Director name.*

Susan Hare  
President

Gail Bautista  
Vice-President

Frank Maitiski  
Director

Cynthia McColl  
Director

Paula Quintero  
Director

Larry Johmann  
Associate Director  
Director Emeritus

Rick Lanman, MD  
Associate Director  
Director Emeritus

Bill Leikam  
Associate Director  
Director Emeritus

Brian Schmidt  
Associate Director

Mel Sarmiento  
Associate Director

Kat Wilson  
Associate Director

Stephanie Moreno  
Executive Director &  
District Clerk

Julie Gantenbein  
District Counsel

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- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Hare. Directors present: President Hare, Vice President Bautista, and Directors Maitiski, McColl, and Quintero (arrived at 5:42 p.m.) Staff present: Executive Director/District Clerk Moreno.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:**

*Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Maitiski/Hare; 4-0-0; Quintero absent).*
- 3. Public Comment:** Executive Director Moreno provided an update on the move to the new office at the request of President Hare.
- 4. Consent Agenda**

*Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Hare/Maitiski; 4-0-0; Quintero absent).*
- 5. Partner Reports**
  - 5.1 *USDA-NRCS:* None
  - 5.2 *Other Partners:* Updates from other partners who wish to share information regarding agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.
- 6. Administration**
  - 6.1 *FY 23-24 Budget (continued from September 7, 2023 Board meeting):* Executive Director Moreno presented the draft budget. Directors asked questions, provided input as to budget priorities, and made amendments to the draft budget.

*Motion: Approve the budget as amended, and authorize the Executive Director to make closing adjustments to the FY22-23 budget. (McColl/Bautista; 5-0-0).*
  - 6.2 *District Reports and Updates:*
    - 6.2.1 *Board Committee and Study Group Reports: Highway 101 Overcrossing Study Group (McColl):* Director McColl provided an update. Ad Hoc Branding Committee (Hare/Bautista): Director Bautista requested that the draft marketing plan developed by President Hare be sent to all Directors and placed on the next agenda for Board review and approval.

- 6.2.2 *Executive Director and Staff Reports*: No additional updates.
- 6.2.3 *Director and Associate Director Updates*: No additional updates.

**7. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.**

**Consent Agenda**

- 4.1 Approve minutes for the July 2023 Board Meeting.
- 4.2 Accept financial reports for July 2023.

**Information Only:**

- 4.3 County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *Excess ERAF Distribution Update*; dated September 7, 2023.
- 4.4 Valley Water; *Controlled blasting starts Sept. 12 for Anderson Dam Tunnel Project*; dated September 8, 2023.
- 4.5 SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission; *Call for Applications for BCDC's EJ Advisor Program*; dated September 21, 2023.
- ~~4.6 Santa Clara County FireSafe Council; Inaugural FireSafe Summit; dated September 21, 2023 (event scheduled for October 10, 2023). EVENT CANCELLED~~
- 4.7 State Water Resources Control Board; *Notice of Filing, Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Amendment to The San Francisco Bay Basin Water Quality Control Plan, and Draft Substitute Environmental Document*; dated September 21, 2023.
- 4.8 State Water Resources Control Board; *Draft Staff Report for Sacramento/Delta Update to Bay-Delta Plan Now Available for Public Review*; dated September 28, 2023
- 4.9 Valley Water; *Draft Petition for Surrender of the Hydroelectric Exemption at Anderson Dam (Project No. 5737), Morgan Hill, California*; dated September 28, 2023.
- 4.10 Flyer; *2023 Jewish Community Sustainability Fair*; dated September 28, 2023 (event scheduled for October 22, 2023; NSCRCD will be staffing a table).
- 4.11 Peninsula South Bay Watershed Forum; *Next forum: Planning Policy for Bayshore Climate Hazards*; dated: October 2, 2023 (event scheduled for October 20, 2023).