

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 GCRCO.

11. Adjourn Meeting

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- 5.1 Approve minutes for the ~~October 7, 2021~~ November 4, 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.

Commented [SM1]: The correct minutes were in the packet, but the wrong date was displayed on the agenda.