



**Guadalupe-Coyote**  
**Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)**  
*An independent special district of the State of California*

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**SUMMARY MINUTES**

Regular Meeting  
Thursday, February 6, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

**Board of Directors**

Rick Lanman, President/Director  
Tess Byler, Director  
Gary Jahns, Director  
Bill Leikam, Director  
John Vidovich, Director

Larry Johmann, Associate Director/Director Emeritus  
Nathan Hale, Associate Director  
Stephanie Moreno, Executive Director/District Clerk (ED)  
Richard Roos-Collins and Julie Gantenbein, WPLG, District Counsel

*Note: Though agenda items may be considered out of order to accommodate the schedules of guest speakers and/or members of the public in attendance for a specific item, 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.*

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Rick Lanman. Directors present: President Rick Lanman, Vice-President Gary Jahns, Bill Leikam and Tess Byler (6:26-7:50 p.m.). Directors absent: John Vidovich (excused).
2. **Approval of Agenda:**  
*Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Byler/Leikam; 4-0-0)*
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Consent Agenda:**  
*Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented (Leikam/Jahns; 4-0-0)*
5. **Partner Agency Updates**
  - 5.1 *USDA-NRCS:* Soil Conservationist Kyle Venell gave the Hollister Service Center report.
  - 5.2 *SCVWD:* No report.
6. **Programs and Projects**
  - 6.1 and 6.2. *Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek:* Directors gave positive feedback regarding the Board field trips held on January 10 and January 31, 2020. There was discussion as to the possibility of holding field trips every 6 months, with consideration given to possible future trips to Penitencia, Silver, Los Gatos, Stevens and San Francisquito Creeks.

6.2 *Highway 101 Wildlife Overcrossing*: President Lanman and Vice-President Jahns gave feedback on their January 31, 2020 meeting with Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority Chairperson Alex Kennett, General Manager Andrea Mackenzie, Assistant General Manager Matt Freeman and Resource Management Specialist Galli Basson; GCRCD Executive Director Moreno also attended the meeting. President Lanman would like to have a consultant review the Metcalf Road Overcrossing for potential as a wildlife crossing, and is interested in organizing a stakeholder meeting. The Board concurred with President Lanman's request to follow up with General Manager Mackenzie regarding next steps.

**7. Director/Associate Director/Staff Roundtable**

7.1 The Board heard updates from Directors, Associate Directors and the Executive Director on topics and activities relevant to GCRCD.

**8. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.**

**Consent Agenda**

- 4.1 Approve minutes for the November 19, 2019 Special Board meeting.
- 4.2 Accept financial reports for December 2019.
- 4.3 Authorize the Executive Director to sign an agreement with the County of San Mateo in the amount of \$12,000 for GCRCD to provide assistance to San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties in integrating agriculture into climate action planning by integrating carbon sequestration and emission prevention into policy documents; agreement funded by a California Department of Conservation Local and Regional Planning Project Grant under the Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Program.

Information Only:

- 4.4 County of Santa Clara; San Jose Redevelopment Successor Agency Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) Distribution; dated January 2, 2020.
- 4.5 County of Santa Clara; Los Gatos Redevelopment Successor Agency Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) Distribution; dated January 2, 2020.
- 4.6 GCRCD comment letter submitted to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the Almaden Lake Improvement Project DEIR; dated January 27, 2020.
- 4.7 Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority's *2019 Year in Review*; dated January 29, 2020.
- 4.8 LAFCO *Notice of Availability* for the *Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District Special Study - Public Review Draft Report*; dated January 30, 2020.
- 4.9 California Trout and San Francisco Baykeeper comment letter submitted to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the Almaden Lake Improvement Project DEIR; dated January 31, 2020.
- 4.10 Notice of San Francisco Estuary Institute's (SFEI) webinar on Monitoring Microplastics, scheduled for February 21, 2020.