



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

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SUMMARY MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 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. Directors absent: John Vidovich. Staff present: Stephanie Moreno, Executive Director/District Clerk.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Leikam/Jahns; 4-0-0)
3. **Public Comment:** Richard McMurtry, Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition, update the Board on the status of the State Water Board complaint he filed regarding the Santa Clara Valley Water District.
4. **Consent Agenda**
Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Byler/Leikam; 4-0-0)
5. **Presentation:**
 - 5.1 *Henry Coletto, President/Board Chair for the Friends of Cañada de los Osos. and retired County Wildlife Ranger and Game Warden:* Mr. Coletto discussed his experience translocating elk and pronghorn and presented on the management practices successfully used to restore lands at the Cañada de los Osos Ecological Preserve. The Board discussed potential research projects at the site that would benefit local watersheds, and the possibility of hosting a field trip/workshop in conjunction with the Loma Prieta RCD.

6. Partner Agency Updates

- 6.1 *USDA-NRCS*: Board was provided with a written report from District Conservationist James Booth.
- 6.2 *SCVWD*: No report.

7. Programs and Projects

- 7.1 *Anderson Reservoir*: Discussion regarding identification of potential wildlife mitigation actions in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) order for the Santa Clara Valley Water District to lower reservoir storage to deadpool by October 1, 2020.

Motion: Authorize the Board President to file a request for consultation letter with FERC for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project P-5737. (Byler/Leikam; 4-0-0)

- 7.2 *Highway 101 Wildlife Overcrossing*: President Lanman gave an update on the meeting held with the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority and discussed potential next steps. The Board had no objection to him proceeding to do outreach on this potential project.
- 7.3 *Wildland Stock Seed Collection*: Discussion regarding a wildland stock seed collection project to facilitate availability of native plants for local restoration projects. The Board would like more detailed information regarding a potential project and authorized the ED to continue to research this possibility.

8. Administration

- 8.1 *Agricultural Resilience Incentive (ARI) Grant Program*: Discussion regarding a request from the County of Santa Clara for feedback on draft guidelines for the implementation of the pilot program to disburse grant funds to agricultural producers.
- 8.2 *AB 2093 (Gloria)*: Discussion regarding the request from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to send a letter of opposition to the legislation, which was drafted to clarify that e-mails and other electronic public records are subject to the California Public Record Act (CPRA) retention standard.

9. Director/Associate Director/Staff Roundtable (estimated time: 10 minutes)

- 9.1 Updates from Directors, Associate Directors and the Executive Director on topics and activities relevant to GCRC D.

10. Meeting Adjourned

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approve minutes for the December 12, 2019 Regular Board of Directors meeting.
- 4.2 Accept financial reports for February 2020.
- 4.3 Approve sponsorship for the San Jose Conservation Corps Annual Luncheon being held on April 24, 2020, in the amount of \$300.00.
- 4.4 Authorize an application to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) for a Wildlife Conservation Board Monarch Butterfly Habitat Technical Assistance and Outreach project in partnership with Veggielution Community Farm; total project amount of \$33,350, with District share of \$9,920 (\$9,350 in-kind; \$570 cash).
- 4.5 Authorize Board President to sign an updated Memorandum of Understanding with USDA-NRCS in furtherance of collaboration on locally-led, voluntary conservation efforts.