North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District (NSCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Please note this is scheduled for a different time than usual.

Frank Maitski, President
Gerardo Loera, Vice President
Jeannie Entin, Director
Matt Roben, Director
Leah Stern, Director

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Physical Location: 888 N. 1st Street, Suite 204, San Jose, CA 95112

Online Computer or Mobile Device Access:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372549281?pwd=KzNLSWlacFpWYWNLMU0rM29sdWlUdz09
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Supporting Documents: https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/2026-11-05-board-meeting

1. **Call to Order:**
   - *1.1 Determination of Quorum*
   - *1.2 Government Code § 54953.8:* Discussion and possible action in the event a request is received from one or more Directors to participate remotely utilizing the *Just Cause* provisions of the Brown Act.
2. **Meeting Agenda:** Discussion and possible action to approve the agenda as presented or amended.
3. **Public Comment – Matters Not on the Agenda:** This is an opportunity to address the Board of Directors on any item not on the agenda (§ 54954.2(b)). As presiding officer, the Board President may choose to impose a 3-minute limitation per speaker. Please see the last page of this agenda for additional information regarding public comments.
4. **Presentation:** *Silver Creek Linear Park Research Project, Eric Gardener, Balance Hydrologics:* Mr. Gardener will provide an overview of this District collaborative project, including goals, findings, and forward-looking options for potential design concepts for habitat management/enhancement.
5. **Consent Agenda:** Discussion and possible action to approve the consent agenda as presented or amended. Items on the consent agenda (see itemized list at the end of the agenda) are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any Director, Associate Director, staff, or member of the

public may ask a question regarding any item or request an item be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for separate discussion and action.

6. **Programs and Projects:**
   - *6.1 Access to Land and Stewardship Opportunities:* Discussion and possible direction for a convening focused on creating opportunities for individuals and communities who lack access to land to engage in conservation and land stewardship.
   - *6.2 El Niño Preparedness and Constituent Assistance:* Update on constituent response and discussion and possible action to consider hosting a virtual workshop.
   - *6.3 Redwood Tree Planting:* Progress report regarding the November 10, 2026 special Board meeting.

7. **Administration:**
   - *7.1 Strategic Planning:* Discussion and possible action to adopt the District's 2025-2030 Long Range Plan.
   - *7.2 Logo:* Discussion and possible action to adopt a new District logo.
   - *7.3 2026 Biennial Director Appointments:* District Manager update.

8. **Partner Reports:** Updates from agencies and organizations regarding their agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.

9. **Board Member, Associate Director, Committee, and Executive Director Reports:** Other updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to the District.

10. **New Business/Items for Next Agenda**

11. **Meeting Adjourned**

Consent Agenda Items

Action Items:

5.1 Approve minutes for the July 9, 2026 Regular Board meeting.
5.2 Approve minutes for the August 6, 2026 Regular Board meeting.
5.3 Approve *District Rate Schedule for Fee-for-Service*.
5.4 Ratify *NSCRCD Conflict of Interest Code*, as approved by the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors.

Information Only:

5.5 Executed subcontractor agreement with Philip Brownsey to provide grazing management planning for the conservation of sensitive habitats in the amount of $21,624.00 in support of the *Tri-County Land Cannabis Restoration Planning and Permitting Project Grant Agreement Q2591204,* effective May 15, 2026.
5.6 Executed subcontractor agreement with Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation to provide habitat and cultural technical consultation services in the amount of $12,000.00 in support of the *Tri-County Land Cannabis Restoration Planning and Permitting Project Grant Agreement Q2591204,* effective May 15, 2026.
5.7 Executed subcontractor agreement with Alameda County RCD services in the amount of $130,153.76 to provide biological and technical services in support of the *Tri-County Land Cannabis Restoration Planning and Permitting Project Grant Agreement Q2591204,* effective May 15, 2026.

5.8 Executed subcontractor agreement with Blue Valley Engineering in the amount of $109,935.00 for engineering and technical services in support of the *Tri-County Land Cannabis Restoration Planning and Permitting Project Grant Agreement Q2591204,* effective May 15, 2026.

5.9 Executed landowner agreement with Tri County Land, LLC authorizing access to property and agreeing to reimbursement for certain non-reimbursable grant expenditures relative to the *Tri-County Land Cannabis Restoration Planning and Permitting Project Grant Agreement Q2591204,* effective May 15, 2026.

5.10 Executed *Notice of Termination of Legal Representation* with Water and Power Law Group PC, effective September 30, 2026.

5.11 Executed *Engagement Agreement Between North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District and Water Law & Policy Partners LLP*, effective October 1, 2026.

5.12 County of Santa Clara Controller-Treasurer Department; *RPTTF Distribution Estimate for ROPS 26-27B (January 2027 Distribution);* received October 1, 2026.

5.13 County of Santa Clara Controller-Treasurer Department; *GASB 77 Tax Abatement Disclosure FY2025-26;* received October 1, 2026.

5.14 Notice from the State Water Resources Control Board; *Revised Notice of Consideration of Approval of an Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin to add Tribal Beneficial Use definitions*; received October 7, 2026.

5.15 Press Release by the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council; *Santa Clara County FireSafe Council and Cal Poly WUI Fire Institute Collaborate on Advancing Wildfire Research*; received October 10, 2026.

5.16 Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative; *Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative (SC4) Fall In-Person Meeting*; received October 13, 2026.

5.17 Notice from County of Santa Clara; *County of Santa Clara Rural Zoning Amendments – Upcoming Public Workshops*; received October 14, 2026.

The public may address the Board of Directors on any item not on the agenda (§54954.2(b)) and may provide comments before the meeting is called to order by submitting written comments to nscrcd@nscrcd.org or during the Board's consideration of items (§54954.3(a)). No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Board or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of the Board or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of the Board, or the Board itself, subject to rules or procedures of the Board, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda (§54954.2(a)(3)). Disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda that are distributed by the District to all or a majority of the Board of Directors are available for public inspection on our website (www.rcdsantaclara.org) or in person. District offices are open by appointment; to make arrangements to view or receive copies of the documents In person, please contact the District Clerk at nscrcd@nscrcd.org .