



# Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

## AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Rick Lanman, M.D.  
President

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Vice-President

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**1. Call to Order, Determination of Quorum, and President's Welcome**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**3. Continuation of Local Emergency**

Adopt a resolution making required findings that circumstances of the local state of emergency continue to exist; re-ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020; extending the initial 30-day local state of emergency originally scheduled to end on November 6, 2021 for the earlier of an additional 30-day period or until the Board of Directors suspends the local State of Emergency; and re-authorizing use of remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of GCRCD pursuant to Brown Act provisions, as authorized by AB 361, an act to add and repeal Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of, and to add and repeal Section 11133 of, the Government Code, relating to open meetings.

#### 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. Partner Reports

- 6.1 *USDA-NRCS:* Monthly report from District Conservationist James Booth, Hollister Service Center.
- 6.2 *Other Partners:* Updates from other partners who wish to share information regarding agricultural and natural resources conservation activities, programs, and projects.

#### 7. Programs and Projects

- 7.1 *Tule elk:* Dr. Rick Lanman, GCRCD Board President, will present recent research and field study findings regarding Santa Clara's Tule elk herds. Discussion and possible action regarding formation of a regional stakeholder group to provide follow up on findings.

#### 8. Administration:

- 8.1 *Community Grant Writer:* Discussion and possible action to initiate the request for proposal process to solicit grant writing services.
- 8.2 *Office Space:* Discussion and possible action regarding the planned move of District offices to 1560 Berger Drive, San Jose.
- 8.3 *California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD):* Designation of delegates for the Annual Business Meeting.

#### 9. Board Members, Associate Director and Staff Reports:

- 9.1 Individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to GCRCD.

#### 10. Adjourn Meeting

##### Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Approve minutes for the October 7, 2021, Board Meeting.
- 5.2 Accept financial reports through September 2021.
- 5.3 Notice of dissolution of the GCRCD Ad Hoc Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) committee.
- 5.4 Authorize Executive Director on behalf of the District to vote "yes" on the proposed California Special District Association (CSDA) Bylaws changes.

##### Information Only

- 5.5 Publication from SPUR San José : *Rewilding the Guadalupe River in San José*; <https://bit.ly/31mLHPt> ; September 8, 2021.
- 5.6 Fully executed agreement with USDA-NRCS; *Develop the San Jose Community Compost Network to provide education, establish accessible food scrap hubs, and create compost for urban and community farmers in CA*; September 21, 2021.
- 5.7 Correspondence from California Beaver Summit; *Beaver Restoration in National Forest Land: A Guide to Advocating for Beaver Restoration in National Forests* (and other notices, including a reference to Dr. Rick Lanman); October 4, 2021.
- 5.8 Correspondence from the Salmonid Restoration Federation; *Co-sponsorship of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference*; October 5, 2021.

- 5.9 Press Release from County of Santa Clara; *Supervisor Otto Lee Leads Board Of Supervisors To Create New County Commission On Sustainability*; October 5, 2021.
- 5.10 Notice from California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (2); *Opportunity to Comment on Draft NPDES Permit Amendment for Municipal Wastewater*; October 11, 2021.
- 5.11 Correspondence from Santa Clara County FireSafe Council; *Commissioner Lara announces comprehensive solution to growing agricultural and commercial insurance needs*; October 12, 2021.
- 5.12 Notice from California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (2); *Notice of Extension of Written Public Comment Period for the Tentative Order for the San Francisco Bay Region Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit*; October 15, 2021.
- 5.13 Comments to Valley Water regarding FAHCE Draft Program Environmental Impact Report from:
  - 5.13.1 United States Fish and Wildlife Service; *Comments on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) in the Guadalupe River and Stevens Creek Watersheds in Santa Clara County, California*; July 28, 2021.
  - 5.13.2 California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW); *Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort, Draft Program Environmental Impact Report, SCH No. 2015022008, Guadalupe River and Stevens Creek Watershed in Santa Clara County*; October 15, 2021.
  - 5.13.3 National Marine Fisheries Service; *NOAA's NMFS' Comments on Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort*; October 15, 2021.
  - 5.13.4 San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board; *Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort Program, Santa Clara County (SCH No. 2015022008)*; October 15, 2021.
  - 5.13.5 San Francisco Baykeeper; *Comments of San Francisco Baykeeper on Santa Clara Valley Water District's Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort, dated June 30, 2021*; October 15, 2021.
  - 5.13.6 Water and Power Law Group PC on behalf of California Trout, Inc., Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association, Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI), and GCRC; *Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort Draft Program Environmental Impact Report*; October 15, 2021.
- 5.14 Correspondence from GCRC to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD); *FY21-22 Dues*; October 19, 2021.
- 5.15 Notice from California Natural Resources Agency; *State Releases Draft California Climate Adaptation Strategy*; October 19, 2021.
- 5.16 Correspondence from Santa Clara County Planning and Development Department; *Coyote Valley Item Postponed until 11/18 Planning Commission Meeting*; October 21, 2021.
- 5.17 Valley Water Encroachment Permit #21427; *Silver Creek Linear Park Wetlands Project and Gaging Program*; October 21, 2021.
- 5.18 Correspondence from CalFire; *Workshop on California's Strategic Plan for Prescribed Fire, Cultural Burning, and Prescribed Natural Fire*; October 22, 2021.
- 5.19 Publication from San Francisco Estuary Institute; *Peninsula Watershed Historical Ecology Study*; <https://bit.ly/3brNRiC> ; October 26, 2021.
- 5.20 Notice from State Water Resources Control Board; *Notice of Public Workshop & Opportunity to Comment – Microplastics in Drinking Water*; October 26, 2021.
- 5.21 Notice of RCD Grant Opportunity from the California Department of Conservation; *Riparian Corridors Restoration Guidelines Released*; October 29, 2021.

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