



North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District

(formerly the Guadalupe-Coyote RCD)
An independent special district of the State of California

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.



Physical Location:

1560 Berger Drive, San Jose, CA 95112 (Conference Room)

Online Computer or Mobile Device Access:

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Supporting Documents: <https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/2024-01-04-board-meeting>

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1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Presentation

5.1 *Tamien Nation Tribe:* Tribal Chairperson Quirina Geary and Cultural Fire & Land Stewardship Program Director Rosario Torres will give a presentation and engage in discussion with District Directors regarding forging a collaborative relationship that would be mutually beneficial to our organizations, our community, and the environment.

Susan Hare
President

Gail Bautista
Vice-President

Frank Maitzki
Director

Cynthia McColl
Director

Paula Quintero
Director

Larry Johmann
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Rick Lanman, MD
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Bill Leikam
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Associate Director

Kat Wilson
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Stephanie Moreno
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6. Partner Reports

- 6.1 *USDA-NRCS*: Monthly report from the USDA-NRCS 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 Habitat*: Update on the Tule elk habitat suitability analysis project; discussion and potential action to designate a new lead for the District's Highway 101 Overcrossing Study Group.
- 7.2 *Redwood Habitat Suitability Analysis Project*: Update on project status and preliminary findings.
- 7.3 *Executive Director Report*: Update on other District programs and projects.

8. Administration

- 8.1 *Director Appointment*: Discussion and possible action regarding the anticipated resignation of Director McColl and the recruitment process for her successor.
- 8.2 *Santa Clara County Special Districts Association*: Discussion and possible action regarding the selection of a new designated representative.
- 8.3 *District Reports and Updates*:
 - 8.3.1 *Board Committee and Study Group Reports*
 - 8.3.2 *Executive Director/Staff Reports*
 - 8.3.3 *Director and Associate Director Updates*

9. Closed Session

- 9.1 *Conference with District Counsel—Potential Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), (e)(1); 1 item)*.

10. Adjourn Meeting

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approve minutes for the November 2, 2023 Board Meeting.
- 4.2 Approve minutes for the December 7, 2023 Board Meeting.
- 4.3 Accept financial reports through November 2023.

Information Only:

- 4.4 Santa Clara County Office of Sustainability; *Response to Participant Commitment Letter*; received December 4, 2023.
- 4.5 Santa Clara LAFCO; *LAFCO's Countywide Fire Service Review Final Report - Now Available*; received December 5, 2023.
- 4.6 Santa Clara County Department of Planning and Development; *Lehigh's 2023 Reclamation Plan Amendment application has been deemed incomplete*; received December 8, 2023.
- 4.7 Valley Water; *Santa Clara County Weed Management Area meeting minutes*; received December 12, 2023.

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