



Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

SUMMARY MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Rick Lanman, M.D.
President

Gary Jahns, Ph.D.
Vice-President

Gail Bautista
Director

Susan Hare
Director

Paula Quintero
Director

Roger Castillo
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Larry Johmann
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Bill Leikam
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Mel Sarmiento
Associate Director

Kat Wilson
Associate Director

Stephanie Moreno
Executive Director
District Clerk

Nathan Hale
Program Manager

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Due to the Shelter-in-Place Order issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and the Santa Clara County Health Officer in response to COVID-19, this meeting was held via Zoom teleconference only, as permitted by the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, Section 3. Call-in information for the meeting was provided on the agenda.

Note: Though agenda items may be considered out of order (for example, to accommodate the schedules of guest speakers and/or members of the public in attendance for a specific item, or when items are removed from the consent agenda), 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 5:00 p.m. by President Lanman. Directors present: President Lanman, Vice-President Jahns, and Directors Bautista, Hare and Quintero. Associate Directors present: Bill Leikam, Mel Sarmiento, and Kat Wilson. Staff present: District Counsel Gantenbein and Executive Director/District Clerk Moreno.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Bautista/Jahns; 5-0-0)
3. **Public Comment:** Executive Director Moreno reported that an email had been received from Valley Water in response to questions from the Directors at the last meeting; it has been added to Item 3 of the "Supporting Documents" packet on the website. Domingo Candelas, Valley Water Government Relations, was available to follow up on the information in the email.
4. **Consent Agenda**
Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Jahns/Quintero; 5-0-0)
5. **Public Hearing:**
 - 5.1 **Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:** President Lanman opened the public hearing and asked Executive Director Moreno to review the staff report and budget documents provided in the meeting packet. Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to provide public input.
Motion: Close the public hearing. (Hare/Lanman; 5-0-0)

The Board agreed on a transfer of \$100,000 from the unassigned operating fund to spend down reserves. They reviewed individual line items and potential new programs listed in the budget document, and gave direction to Ms Moreno. Final budget adoption was continued to the next meeting so the budget document can be updated with the Board's proposed revisions prior to adoption.

6. Administration

- 6.1 *CSDA Board of Directors Election:* Executive Director Moreno reviewed the information provided for the Board's selection of a preferred candidate for the Bay Area Network Seat A for the 2022-2024 Term. Ms Moreno recommended the the ad hoc Environmental Justice Committee be allowed to recommend the candidate for Ms Moreno to enter onto the ballot, and the Board agreed.

7. Director/Associate Director/Staff Updates

- 7.1 *Virtual Programming for Groups with Special Needs:* Associate Director Mel Sarmiento made a presentation regarding her final action project for the Environmental Educator Certification Program and answered questions from Board members and other attendees.
- 7.2 *Individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to GCRCD:* President Lanman reported that he had presented the results of the Chinook salmon research study to NOAA/NMFS and that the paper he co-authored on the beaver lodge petroglyphs was accepted by the CDFW journal. He has also been collecting articles on the benefits of urban trees and reported that the Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network is considering GCRCD for membership. Executive Director Moreno reported there was successful closeout on the Xerces and CDFW grants.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to the September meeting.

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approve minutes for the June 3, 2021, Board Meeting.

Information Only

- 4.2 Correspondence from County of Santa Clara; *Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) June 1, 2021, Distribution*; dated June 1, 2021.
- 4.3 Notice from Santa Clara LAFCO; *LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022*; dated June 3, 2021.
- 4.4 Joint Letter Recommending SF Bay Protection Restoration in CA 2021-2022 Budget; co-signed by GCRCD President Rick Lanman; dated June 11, 2021.
- 4.5 National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Technical Assistance Grant Application; *Regional Nutrient Management and Soil Health Program*; submitted June 14, 2021.
- 4.6 Notice from Valley Water; *Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort Draft Environmental Impact Report Release for Public Review*; dated June 30, 2021.
- 4.7 California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Local Assistance Grant (LAG) P1830903; *Final LAG Report and Final Summary Report*; submitted June 30, 2021.
- 4.8 Xerces Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Grant; *Final Report*; submitted June 30, 2021.