



**Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District**  
(new name of North Santa Clara RCD is pending State confirmation)  
*An independent special district of the State of California*

**AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 6:00 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/2023-03-02-board-meeting>

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**1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

**2. President's Welcome and Call for Nominations for the District's Honor Roll of Resource Influencers** (this month: What is the unsung hero of the water cycle?)

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**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.*

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## 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 *Hazardous Fuel Reduction*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to execute a multi-year service agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for an amount not to exceed \$600,000 to provide project management services for Project Specific Analysis (PSA) development per the California Vegetation Treatment Program (Cal VTP) EIR on working lands within CAL FIRE's Santa Clara Unit.
- 7.2 *Community Grant Program*: Discussion and possible action in consideration of a modification request for a previously awarded community grant in the amount of \$5,000 to the Urban Wildlife Research Project (UWRP).
- 7.3 *Agricultural Producer Technical Assistance*:
  - 7.3.1 *Flood Damage Assessments*: Update from the Executive Director on the provision of in-kind assessment services to the USDA-Farm Services Agency to facilitate processing of their 2023 Flood damage applications.
  - 7.3.2 *Agricultural Resilience*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to submit a USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) cooperative agreement proposal in partnership with the Loma Prieta and San Benito Resource Conservation Districts and to execute all required documents for an agreement to provide technical assistance to agricultural producers and improve outreach to historically underserved producers and communities.
- 7.4 *Watersheds*:
  - 7.4.1 *Resilient and Equitable Urban Stream Corridors Project*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to submit a letter of commitment and serve as the the co-principal investigator responsible for District research activities and fiscal oversight as a community partner sub-awardee for the *Resilient and Equitable Urban Stream Corridors* project, a CA Climate Action Seed Grant application prepared by Principal Investigator Greg Pasternack, Professor at UC Davis.
  - 7.4.2 *Anadromous Fish Migration*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to submit a California Department Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) planning grant application for an estimated \$215,000 to conduct a feasibility study and develop preliminary conceptual designs for removal of anadromous fish passage barriers on Pheasant and Hicks Creeks.
  - 7.4.3 *Silver Creek Linear Park Wetlands Project*: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to submit a California Department Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) planning grant application to allow for biological and expanded hydrological data collection and analysis for the existing partnership project.

## 8. Administration

- 8.1 *District Meetings*: Feedback from meeting participants on the new hybrid format initiated at tonight's meeting.
- 8.2 *Board Member, Associate Director and Staff Reports*: Individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to GCRCD.

## 9. Adjourn Meeting

### Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Approve minutes for the January 5, 2023 Board Meeting.
- 5.2 Approve minutes for the February 2, 2023 Board Meeting.

- 5.3 Accept financial reports for January 2023.
- 5.4 Approve Board President nominations for the Santa Clara County Special Districts Association, effective for the June 2023 meeting.

Information Only:

- 5.5 Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful; *Whale Tail grant partially funded*; dated February 8, 2023.
- 5.6 County of Santa Clara Finance Agency; *Quarterly Investment Report for Schools and Special Districts for the period ending December 31, 2022*; dated February 17, 2023.
- 5.7 Xerces; accepting project proposals for the *Xerces Monarch and Pollinator Kits: California*; dated February 21, 2023.

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