



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

SUMMARY MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid In-Person and Online Format

(with Directors present in person at the meeting location)

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.

Susan Hare
President

Gail Bautista
Vice-President

Frank Maitiski
Director

Cynthia McColl
Director

Paula Quintero
Director

Larry Johmann
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Rick Lanman, MD
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Bill Leikam
Associate Director
Director Emeritus

Mel Sarmiento
Associate Director

Kat Wilson
Associate Director

Stephanie Moreno
Executive Director
District Clerk

Paulina Binsfeld
Conservation Program
Coordinator

Roger Castillo
Watershed Project
Assistant

Julie Gantenbein
District Counsel

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- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Hare. Directors present: President Hare and Directors Maitiski, McColl and Quintero. Vice-President Bautista was absent (excused). Staff and consultants present: Executive Director/District Clerk Moreno, Conservation Program Coordinator Paulina Binsfeld, Watershed Project Assistant Roger Castillo.
- 2. President's Welcome and Call for Nominations for the District's Honor Roll of Resource Influencers:** The Directors shared their favorite wildflower found in the foothills this time of year, as well as the most dreaded invasive species masquerading as a harmless wildflower.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:**
Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Maitiski/Quintero; 4-0-0).
- 4. Public Comment:** None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
Motion: Approve the consent agenda as presented. (Quintero/Maitiski; 4-0-0).
- 6. Partner Reports**
 - 6.1 *USDA-NRCS:* No report.
 - 6.2 *Other Partners:* No reports.
- 7. Programs and Projects**
 - 7.1 *2023 Farm Tour:* The Board discussed the possibility of hosting a farm tour and indicated an interest in connecting directly with agricultural producers.
- 8. Administration**
 - 8.1 *District Name Change:* Executive Director Moreno gave an update on the change to North Santa Clara RCD, which cannot take effect until the State Board of Equalization receives the paperwork from the County.
 - 8.2 *Board Member, Associate Director and Staff Reports:* The Board received individual updates and reports on topics and activities relevant to GCRCD. Director McColl asked that the Board re-consider an earlier time for the monthly meetings and indicated she would like to put together an interagency

group to follow up on results and recommendations from the Tule elk habitat work; the Board had no objection to either request.

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Approve minutes for the February 2, 2023 Board Meeting.
- 5.2 Accept financial reports for February 2023.
- 5.3 Adopt an interim policy establishing District travel reimbursement rates for the use of public transportation.
- 5.4 Adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a two-year agreement with CAL FIRE for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to provide project management services for hazardous fuel reduction on working lands within CAL FIRE's Santa Clara Unit (authorization previously approved by minute order on March 2, 2023).

Information Only:

- 5.5 Presentation to Santa Clara County Special Districts Association; *ERAF and Excess ERAF*; March 6, 2023.
 - 5.6 County of Santa Clara Controller-Treasurer's Office; *Excess ERAF Distribution Update*; March 10, 2023.
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