

Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District
USDA Service Center
81077 Indio Blvd., Ste. A
Indio, CA 92201

Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023
8:00 AM

Directors Present: President Ruben Arias; Vice-President Blaine Carian; Director Don Ackley; Director Juan De Lara; Director Celeste Alonzo

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: District Manager Yvonne Franco; Administrative Assistant Valerie Velazquez

Members of the Public: Senior Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Aceves; Code Enforcement Officer Frank Lopez

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ruben Arias at 8:03 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ruben Arias led us in the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

5-1: Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 2023

5-2: Approval of Financial Report – September 2023

Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the agenda. Vice-President Blaine Carian provided the second. The motion was approved 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye

Alonzo	Aye	
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6. CORRESPONDANCE

Nothing to report.

7. REPORTS

7-1: NRCS Report – Tomas provided an update on NRCS operations and upcoming grants.

County of Riverside Code Enforcement Department Staff Frank Mendez, Supervising Code Enforcement Officer; and Aaron Aceves, Senior Code Enforcement Officer II, introduced themselves to the District Directors, and provided a summary of the work they do in the Eastern Coachella Valley.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

8-1: Desert Healthcare District

8-2: Audit for Fiscal Year 2022/23

8-3: Clean-up Tire Event – suggested at COD campus with Code Enforcement participation.

8-4: UCCE Master Food Preserver – San Bernardino

8-5: Assistance to farms

8-6: Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*)

8-7: Trail Camera Use

9. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

9-1: Discuss the possible purchase of weather stations for small farms.

Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the purchase of weather stations for small farms. Vice-President Blaine Carian provided the second. The motion was approved 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

10. District General Counsel Report and Announcements

Nothing to report.

11. Closed Session – Began at 9:01 am
With respect to every item business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Government Code 54956.8

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: Property located at 74271 Highway 111, Palm Desert, California
Agency Negotiator: Yvonne Franco, District Manager
Negotiating Parties: Javae Sanchez
Under Negotiation: Terms of Lease Agreement

Closed Session ended at 9:15am.

12. Date and location of Next District Regular Board Meeting

Date: November 15, 2023

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13. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 AM.

Approved this 15th day of November 2023



Yvonne Franco, District Manager / Secretary