

Mission: The Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District assists public and private landowners in the protection and conservation of natural resources.

COACHELLA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Ruben Arias
President

August 21, 2024

Blaine Carian
Vice-President

8:00 AM (PDT)

Don Ackley
Director

Meeting Location

USDA Service Center

81077 Indio Blvd. Ste. A

Celeste Alonzo
Director

Indio, CA 92201

Juan De Lara
Director

I. Call to Order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions

Yvonne Franco
*District Manager/
Secretary*

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Minh C. Tran
*County Counsel
District Counsel*

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Public Comment

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This item is reserved for persons desiring to address the board on any matter not on this agenda. However, if a response or Board Action is requested, the Board may refer the item to staff or place the matter on a future agenda.

V. Correspondence, Announcements, and Presentations

A. Correspondence: from California Farm Bureau

B. Correspondence: Notice of Lawsuit *Southern CA Edison v. State Board of Equalization, et al.*

VI. Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. If any Board member, staff member or interested person requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it shall be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

- A. Approval of Minutes for June 2024
 - B. Receive and File Financials for June/July 2024
- VII. Reports
 - A. NRCS reports – verbal report provided by USDA NRCS District Conservationist Tomas Aguilar-Campos
- VIII. Discussion Items and/or Old Business
 - A. Update: Business Account Fraudulent Activity
 - B. Update: PRA Request to AQMD and cities.
 - C. Update: Palm Desert Property Improvements
 - D. Southern Baja Regional Meeting, scheduled for August 28, 2024, hosted by Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District
 - E. Local Working Group Meeting, scheduled for August 21, 2024, City of Coachella Corporate Yard
 - F. Tire Collection events
 - a. Tractor Tires, pending
 - b. Indio Hills Community Center, confirmed November 2, 2024
 - G. City of Palm Desert Business License for rental property
- IX. Board Action and Discussion Items
 - A. Consideration to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-02 of the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District updating the District’s Records Retention Schedule pursuant to Government Code Section 60200 et. seq.
 - B. Consideration to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-03 of the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District amending the Conflict-of-Interest Code
 - C. Consideration to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 of the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District amending Section II *Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest* and Section III part E *Conflicts of Interest and Nepotism* of the District’s Policy Manual
 - D. Consideration to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-05 of the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District amending Section III (F) (3) *Paid Holidays* to increase the number of holidays from ten to fourteen.
 - E. Discussion of a possible land management opportunity
 - F. CARCD Membership fees
 - G. Consideration to appoint the Board President and Vice-President as signers to the District’s business account at California Bank & Trust
 - H. Consideration to approve the trade-in or sale of the district’s vehicle and purchase comparable 4x4 truck or comparable vehicle, not to exceed \$40,000, and authorize the District Manager to execute all paperwork for same.
 - I. Consideration of a sponsorship opportunity for Desert Healthcare District’s Healthy Desert Healthy You Environmental Health Summit, to be held in Rancho Mirage on September 20-21, 2024

- J. Discussion of a Coachella Valley Latino Farmer Technical Support and Workshop
- K. Consideration to approve the district manager’s reimbursement request of \$13, for a copy of an incident report from the Sheriff’s Office.

- X. District General Counsel Reports and Announcements
None.

- XI. District Items for Future Board Consideration
Discussion at Board Meeting

- XII. Closed Session
None.

- XIII. Date and location of Next District Regular Board Meeting
Date: September 18, 2024
Location: USDA Indio Service Center
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- XIV. Adjournment

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