

Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2022

8:00 AM (PDT)

Meeting Location

USDA Indio Service Center

81077 Indio Blvd. Suite A, Indio, CA 92201

1. **Call to Order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions**
Meeting was called to order at: 8:23 am
Director Alonzo left before the meeting started due to a prior commitment.
Present at the meeting were: President Arias, Vice-President Carian, Directors De Lara
Absent: excused absence Director Ackley.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Director Arias led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
The March minutes were not included in the agenda packet on time for the meeting.
4. **Public Comment** – No Public Comment
5. **Consent Calendar**
5-1: Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 2022 – Not included
5-2: Approval of Financial Report – we approved
6. **Correspondence** – No correspondence was received.
7. **Reports**
7-1: NRCS Report – No report was provided by the USDA
8. **Discussion Items and Old Business**
8-1: Learning Garden for Schools – handouts on how to facilitate carryout a school garden prepared by the UCCE Master Gardeners' program.
8-2: Office Furniture – According to County Counsel the District is exempt from being required to purchase furniture from the California Prison Authority.
8-3: New Employee update – The admin assistant will start in early May. Valerie Velazquez will be splitting her time between the Inland Empire RCD and Coachella Valley.
8-4: Desert Healthcare District Agreement – The Agreement has not been submitted by the healthcare district.
8-5: The Inland Urban Forest Council – The existing Board members appointed the District Manager to their Board.
8-6: CVILC Meeting – The meeting is scheduled and the District has called as many farmers as possible to attend.
8-7: CSDA Conference - The District has registered three people to attend the conference.
8-8: Agreement with Mission RCD – the Mission RCD is interested in having an agreement in place with the District.

8-9: Project Ideas for FY 2022/23 – It was mentioned that some of the projects that haven't been carried out can county for the new fiscal year, such as the learning garden for the preschool and the medical mobile unit for healthcare district.

8-10: Audit Report for FY 2021/22 – The report has been completed and will be presented to the Board in the May meeting.

9. Board Action and Discussion Items

9-1: Discussion of AB 1902 (Aguiar-Curry) to amend sections of Public Resource Code Division 9.

A status was provided to the Board on AB 1902.

9-2: Consideration to submit a nomination to the CSDA Annual Awards to be presented at the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase.

The Board opted to not submit a nomination.

10. Discussion for the Good of the District / Items for Future Board Consideration

Recycling of plastic containers discussed. The attendance of President Arias and Director De Lara to the CSDA Legislative Day event in Sacramento.

11. District General Counsel Reports and Announcements

None.

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Date and location of Next District Regular Board Meeting


Date: May 25, 2022

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14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 am

Approved this 22nd, of June 2022



Yvonne Franco, District Manager/Secretary