

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

Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2024  
8:00 AM

Directors Present: Vice-President Blaine Carian; Director Juan De Lara; Director Don Ackley

Directors Absent: President Ruben Arias; Director Celeste Alonzo

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

Members of the Public: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Blaine Carian at 8:07AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Juan De Lara led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Action Items 9-1, 9-2 and 9-3 were moved to allow our guests speakers to present timely.

9. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

9-1: Fiscal Year 2022-23 Audit Report

<b>Arias</b>	Absent	<b>Carian</b>	Aye
<b>Ackley</b>	Aye	<b>De Lara</b>	Aye
<b>Alonzo</b>	Absent		

**Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 to receive and file. Director Don Ackley provided the second. The motion was approved 3-0.**

9-2: Consideration of a sponsorship request for an amount not to exceed \$1,800 for a Trees for Tomorrow event, to be held on March 9, 2024

<b>Arias</b>	Absent	<b>Carian</b>	Aye
<b>Ackley</b>	Aye	<b>De Lara</b>	Aye
<b>Alonzo</b>	Absent		

**Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the sponsorship request for \$1,800 for Trees for Tomorrow event, to be held on March 9, 2024. Director Don Ackley provided the second. The motion was approved 3-0.**

9-3: Consideration to approve the district manager’s attendance to CSDA’s Special District Leadership Academy, from April 14-17, 2024

<b>Arias</b>	Absent	<b>Carian</b>	Aye
<b>Ackley</b>	Aye	<b>De Lara</b>	Aye
<b>Alonzo</b>	Absent		

**Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the district manager’s attendance to CSDA’s Special District Leadership Academy, from April 14-17. Director Don Ackley provided the second. The motion was approved 3-0.**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

5. CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6-1: Approve minutes for January 2024

6-2: Accept financial reports for January 2024

<b>Arias</b>	Absent	<b>Carian</b>	Aye
<b>Ackley</b>	Aye	<b>De Lara</b>	Aye
<b>Alonzo</b>	Absent		

**Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Don Ackley provided the second. The motion was approved 3-0.**

7. REPORTS

7-1: NRCS Report – Tomas provided updates on NRCS operations.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS –

- 8-1: Weather Station installment
- 8-2: Recap: Tire Collection Event held on February 1, 2024
- 8-3: Grant update, partnership

10. District General Counsel Report and Announcements

Nothing to report.

11. District Items for the Future Board Consideration

None.

12. Date and location of Next District Regular Board Meeting

Date: March 20, 2024

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13. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 AM

Approved this 21st day of February 2024



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Yvonne Franco, District Manager / Secretary