

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

March 19, 2025
8:00 AM (PDT)

Blaine Carian
Vice-President

Meeting Location

Don Ackley
Director

USDA Service Center
81077 Indio Blvd., Ste. A
Indio, CA 92201

Celeste Alonzo
Director

Juan De Lara
Director

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

Yvonne Franco
*District Manager/
Secretary*

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

Minh C. Tran
*County Counsel
District Counsel*

IV. Public Comment

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.

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V. Correspondence, Announcements, and Presentations

A. Correspondence - Local Agency Formation Commission letter regarding Municipal Service Review and & Sphere of Influence Update for County RCDs

B. Correspondence - National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) letter to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding USDA Agency Reduction in Force and Reorganization Plans

C. Correspondence - City of Palm Desert Notice of Decision Administrative Use Permit (AUP) 24-0009 regarding tenant improvement expansion adjacent to District's property

D. Correspondence – Email from CSDA lobbyist regarding Senate Bill (SB) 534 Green Empowerment Zone for the Salton Sea and Southeaster Desert Valleys

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 February 2025
- B. Receive and File Financials for February 2025

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: March 11, 2025, at College of the Desert, East Valley Campus, Thermal/Mecca
- B. Update: District Business Checking Account Bank Signers

IX. Board Action and Discussion Items

- A. Consideration to fund three Trees for Tomorrow events in collaboration with the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners in the cities of Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, and an undetermined location in the eastern Coachella Valley before the end of fiscal year 2024/25 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500; and allocate no more than \$7,500 for Fiscal Year 2025/26 for three additional events in fall/winter in the Coachella Valley.
- B. Consideration to assist the City of Desert Hot Springs Senior Center with planting material for two existing garden beds, and planting material in an existing garden area at the Recreation Center
- C. Discussion of Palm Desert property

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: April 16, 2025
Location: USDA Indio Service Center
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XIV. Adjournment

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