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

Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025
8:00 AM

Directors Present: President Ruben Arias; Vice-President Blaine Carian; Director Juan De Lara

Directors Absent: Director Don Ackley; Director Celeste Alonzo

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

Members of the Public: None

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by President Ruben Arias at 8:05AM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Director Ruben Arias led us in the pledge of allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
No motion made. The agenda remains as is.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM C MOVED TO ALLOW PAUL FROM NIGRO & NIGRO TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD.

C. Discussion and possible action to accept and file the audit report for Fiscal Year ending June 2025.

Arias	Aye	**Carian**	Aye
Ackley	Absent	**De Lara**	Aye
Alonzo	Absent		

Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to receive and file the audit report for Fiscal Year ending June 2025. Vice-President Blaine Carian provided the second. The motion was approved 3-0.

V. PRESENTATIONS - None.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Letter from the Department of Housing Policy Development: Review of the District's Resolution No. 2025-02 declaring APN 625-122-003 in the City of Palm Desert as "Exempt Surplus Land".

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes for October 2025

B. Approval of Minutes for October 2025

Arias	Aye	**Carian**	Aye
Ackley	Absent	**De Lara**	Aye
Alonzo	Absent		

Vice-President Blaine Carian provided the motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Juan De Lara provided the second. The motion was approved 3-0.

VIII. PARTNER REPORTS

A. NRCS Report – verbal report provided by USDA NRCS District Conservationist Tomas Aguilar-Campos.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND UPDATES –

A. Tire Recycling Event Scheduled for December 16, 2025 at College of the Desert Thermal/Mecca Campus. Event will be held for both vehicle and tractor tires.

B. Update: Programming update for Fiscal Year 2025/26

X. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion and possible action of a mileage reimbursement request in the amount of $203.35 by the District Manager.

Arias	Aye	**Carian**	Aye
Ackley	Absent	**De Lara**	Aye
Alonzo	Absent		

Vice-President Blaine Carian provided the motion to approve the mileage reimbursement request of $203.35 for the District Manager. Director Juan De Lara provided the second. The motion was approved 3-0.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding attendance to the 2025 State of the County on December 11, 2025, at Acrisure Arena.

No action taken. Board will not be attending.

XI. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Nothing to report.

XII. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
Discussion at Board Meeting

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – **Closed session started at 8:56AM**
Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8:
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Property Negotiator: Yvonne Franco
Property Location: APN 625-122-003 (Palm Desert)
74271 Highway 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260

Closed session ended at 9:06AM

XIV. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Date: December 17, 2025
USDA Indio Service Center
81077 Indio Blvd., Ste. A
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XIV. ADJOURN MEETING
Meeting adjourned at 9:07AM.

Approved this 21st day of day of January 2026

Yvonne Franco

Yvonne Franco, District Manager / Secretary