

Minutes of the Coachella Valley Conservation District Board Meeting
June 22nd at 8:00 AM
81077 Indio Blvd, STE A
Indio, CA 92201

Directors Present: President Ruben Arias; Vice-President Blaine Carian; Director Don Ackley; Director Celeste Alonzo; Director Juan De Lara

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: District Manager Yvonne Franco; Administrative Assistant Valerie Velazquez
Members of the Public: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Tomas Campos; Nigro & Nigro, PC Paul Kaymark; Eide Bailly LLP Scott Nelsen

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ruben Arias at 8:00 AM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ruben Arias led us in pledge of allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Don Ackley provided the motion to approve the March 2022 and April 2022 Minutes. Director Celeste Alonzo provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Director Vice-President Blaine Carian provided the motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Don Ackley provided the second. The consent calendar was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

6. CORRESPONDANCE

No correspondence

7. REPORTS

District Conservationist Tomas Campos provided an update on NRCS operations

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

9. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 9-2 was moved up to accommodate the accountant’s schedule

9-2: Consideration to Approve Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget

Director De Lara provided the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget. Director Ackley provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

9-1: Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding By and Between Coachella Valley Resource Conservation district and Desert Healthcare to the Underserved Population in the Coachella Valley with emphasis on Agricultural Workers

Director De Lara provided the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding by and Between Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District and Desert Healthcare to the Underserved Population in the Coachella Valley with emphasis on Agricultural Workers. Director Don Ackley provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

9-3: Approval of Fiscal Year 2020/21 Independent Audit Report prepared by Nigro & Nigro PC

Director De Lara provided the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Independent Audit Report prepared by Nigro & Nigro PC. President Arias provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

9-4: Consideration to Adopt Resolution No. 2022-02 of the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District to Update the District’s Records Retention Schedule Pursuant to Government code Section 60200 et. Seq

Director De Lara provided the motion to approve the Adopt Resolution No. 2022-02 of the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District to Update the District’s Records Retention Schedule Pursuant to Government code Section 60200 et. Seq. Director Alonzo provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

9-5: Consideration of the Summer 2022 Schedule

Director De Lara provided the motion to approve the Summer 2022 Schedule. Director Ackley provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

9-6: consideration to pay membership dues to California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

Vice President Carian provided the motion to approve the pay of membership dues to California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. President Arias provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

9-7: Consideration to Sponsor the 2022 California Urban Forests Conference to be held in Rancho Mirage

Vice President Carian provided the motion to approve the Sponsor of 2022 California Urban Forests Conference to be held in Rancho Mirage. Director De Lara provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

9-8: Discussion and Possible Action to Vote for California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board Elections

Director Ackley provided the motion to approve the Vote for California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board Elections. Director Alonzo provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-1.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Abstain
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

9-9: Consideration to reimburse the District Manager Yvonne Franco in the amount of \$108.74, for the purchase of an office chair

Director Carian provided the motion to approve the reimbursement of the District Manager Yvonne Franco in the amount of \$108.74, for the purchase of an office chair. Director De Lara provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

10. DISCUSSION FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT/ ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD CONSIDERATION

11. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No reports/announcements.

12. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

13. Date and location of Next District Regular Board Meeting

Date: July 20, 2022

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14. ADJOURN MEETING

President Ruben Arias adjourned this meeting at 9:41 AM

Approved this 27th Day of July 2022



Yvonne Franco, District Manager / Secretary