

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

Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2024
8:00 AM

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

Directors Absent: None

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

Members of the Public: Eide Bailly Accountants Scott Nelson and Corey Mize

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ruben Arias at 8:02AM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ruben Arias led us in the pledge of allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director De Lara provided the motion to approve the agenda. Vice-President Carian provided the second. Motion unanimously approved 5-0.

Action item IX. A. Draft Budget 24/25 - was moved to accommodate Eide Bailly's accountants' schedule.

Accountant Corey Mize presented the 2024/25 Draft Budget.

Director Carian provided the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget. Director De Lara provided the second. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public input.

V. CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Grant support letter – The District Manager informed the Board of Directors that a support letter was provided for a SHADE grant to Master Gardener Janet Hartin.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes for March 2024
- B. Receive and File Financials for March 2024

Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the consent calendar. Vice-President Blaine Carian provided the second. The motion was approved 5-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Aye		

VII. REPORTS

A. NRCS Report – Tomas Aguilar-Campos provided an update on EQUIP grants.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update – Tire Collection Event scheduled for May 2, 2024, at College of the Desert Mecca/Thermal Campus – Formal approval of the event has not been granted, COD is awaiting the insurance coverage documents from the District.
- B. Weather Station Program – Project is ongoing.
- C. CARCD Board Update – There are no election updates since the ballot was submitted.
- D. Special District Legislative Days 2024 – This year’s event will not be attended by the District.
- E. Records Retention Schedule – Currently being reviewed by District’s counsel.
- F. Palm Desert Property Improvements – A contractor has been hired to complete the drainage improvements.

IX. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Draft Budget 24/25 – This item was presented after the Approval of the Agenda.

X. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no counsel reports or announcements.

XI. DISTRICT ITEMS FOR THE FUTURE BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. District Programs for 2024/25 – This item will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

- XII. CLOSED SESSION
No Close Session items were provided.

- XIII. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Date: May 22, 2024
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- XIV. ADJOURN MEETING
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Approved this 22nd day of May 2024



Yvonne Franco, District Manager / Secretary