

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

Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 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; Administrative Assistant Valerie Velazquez

Members of the Public: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ruben Arias at 8:04AM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ruben Arias led us in the pledge of allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

**Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the consent calendar.  
Director Celeste Alonzo provided the second. The motion was approved 5-0.**

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

V. CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes for April 2024

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

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VII. REPORTS

- A. NRCS Report – Reports were not provided.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Recap: Tire Collection Event scheduled for May 2, 2024, at College of the Desert Mecca/Thermal Campus. All four containers were filled.

IX. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Riverside LAFCO Special District Selection Committee Board unanimously agreed to vote for Castulo Estrada

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

- B. Consideration of Resolution No. 2024-01, Assignment of Lease Agreement between McAuliffe & Company, Inc., and Javae Sanchez, for the buildings located at 45125 Panorama Drive in Palm Desert Board unanimously approved the assignment of the lease agreement.

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

- C. Air quality discussion and possible Public Records Act request After a short discussion regarding air quality in the Coachella Valley, the Board agreed to pursue requesting information from surrounding cities, and SCAQMD.

X. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nothing to report.

XI. DISTRICT ITEMS FOR THE FUTURE BOARD CONSIDERATION

- A. Future Tire Events to include tractor tires.
- B. Collaborate with future Salton Sea Tours.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

None.

XIII. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Due to the month of June's regular meeting day falling on a federal holiday and the USDA office being closed, the next regular meeting will not be held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Next regular meeting date and location:

Date: June 26, 2024  
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XIV. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 AM.

Approved this 22nd day of May 2024

  
Yvonne Franco, District Manager / Secretary