

# Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District

## Minutes of Special Meeting

February 12, 2020

### Meeting Location

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**  
Meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.  
Directors Present: President Bob Wright, Vice-President Don Ackley, Directors Arias and Carian, one vacancy
2. **Opening Comments:** Ms. Cindy Byerrum from Platinum Consulting Group was introduced as the accounting consultant for the CVRCD.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting minutes for November 2019 were approved.
4. **Public Comments on Matters not Listed on the Agenda:** No public comment.
5. **Financial Reports:** Financial Reports for the month of December 2019 were approved.
6. **Staff Reports and Updates on Activities and Actions by District:**  
District Manager provided an update on District Operations and Partnership Projects. There was motion made by Director Carian to approve the MOU regarding the learning garden for the Early Childhood Education; seconded by Vice President Ackley. Motion passed 4-0.  
  
NRCS District Conservationist Report was provided by Mr. Allen Curry. He introduced the agency's new Soil Conservationist Desirae Kissell.
7. **Action Items:**
  - A. Consideration of Resolution 2020-01 of the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District authorizing and changing the regular meeting day from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday of each month, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 9309  
*Motion made by Director Carian to adopt Resolution 2020-01; seconded by Director Arias. Motion passed 4-0.*

- B. Consideration to sponsor lunch for a *Trees for Tomorrow* workshop given by the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, scheduled for April 14, 2020 in the amount of \$2,250  
*Motion made by Director Carian to sponsor Trees for Tomorrow workshop; seconded by Vice-President Ackley. Motion passed 4-0.*
- C. Discussion of the upcoming California Special District Association Leadership Academy Conference and possible attendance by the Board of Directors  
*Motion made by Vice President Ackley not to exceed \$4,000; seconded by Director Carian. Motion passed 4-0.*
- D. Discussion and possible approval to reimburse the District Manager \$21.16  
*Motion made by Director Carian to approve the reimbursement; seconded by Director Arias. Motion passed 4-0.*

8. Discussion Items for the Good of the District: None

9. Closed Session: No Closed Session

10. District General Counsel Reports and Announcements: None

11. Items for future Board Consideration:

The Board discussed a future clean-up project for the eastern Coachella Valley region and the possibility of partnering with another agency to carry-out the project.

12. Date of Next CVRCD Regular Board Meeting:

March 18, 2020

To accommodate the expected high number guests, the March CVRCD Board of Directors meeting will be held at:

Location: Department of Public Social Services

44199 Monroe St, Room 402

Indio, CA 92201

13. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020

  
Yvonne Franco, District Manager/Secretary