

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

Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2023
8:00 AM

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

Directors Absent: Director Celeste Alonzo

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

Members of the Public: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ruben Arias at 8:03 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ruben Arias led us in pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

5-1: Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 2023

5-2: Approval of Financial Report – August 2023

Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the agenda. Vice-President Blaine Carian provided the second. The motion was approved 4-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Absent		

6. CORRESPONDANCE

Nothing to report.

7. REPORTS

7-1: NRCS Report – Tomas provided an update on NRCS operations.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

- 8-1: Rental Property
- 8-2: Audit for Fiscal Year 2022/23
- 8-3: Clean-up Event
- 8-4: Irrigation Specialist

9. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

9-1: Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District and Desert Healthcare District.

Vice-President Blaine Carian provided the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District and Desert Healthcare District. Director Juan De Lara provided the second. The motion was approved 4-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Absent		

9-2: Storm related damage to farmland and consideration to provide aid.

Vice-President Blaine Carian provided the motion to provide aid for storm related damage to farmland. Director Juan De Lara provided the second. The motion was approved 4-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Absent		

9-3: Consideration of a mileage reimbursement request from the District Manager in the amount of \$597.36.

Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the mileage reimbursement request from the District Manager in the amount of \$597.36. Director Don Ackley provided the second. The motion was approved 4-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Absent		

9-4: Discussion of the puncturevine weed.

Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the removal of the puncturevine weed. Director Don Ackley provided the second. The motion was approved 4-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Aye	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Absent		

10. District General Counsel Report and Announcements

Nothing to report.

11. Closed Session

None.

12. Date and location of Next District Regular Board Meeting

Date: October 18, 2023

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13. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 AM.

Approved this 18th day of October 2023



Yvonne Franco, District Manager / Secretary