

Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District

Minutes of Meeting

October 20, 2021

Meeting Location

City of Coachella Corporate Yard
53462 Enterprise Way
Coachella, CA 92236

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**
Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.
Directors Present: President Ruben Arias, Vice-President Blaine Carian, Directors Don Ackley, Celeste Alonzo and Juan de Lara.
2. **Opening Comments:** Director De Lara pointed out the Coachella Corporate Yard was a good location for the meeting.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Director De Lara made a motion to approve the minutes of August and September 2021; seconded by Director Alonzo.
4. **Public Comments on Matters not Listed on the Agenda:** No public comment.
5. **Financial Reports:** Motion was made
6. **Staff Reports and Updates on Activities and Actions by District:**
 - A. Staff Reports – updates were provided on:
 - a. Office
 - b. Agricultural Land Enhancement Program – District Manager mentioned that coordinating a meeting with the SCVCSD hasn't been easy.
 - c. CARCD Board – District Manager met with the Executive Director and Board President Lutz
 - d. Financial Policy – District Manager proposed that an amendment would be brought to the Board at the next meeting.
 - e. Social Media Policy – District Manager proposed that an amendment would be brought to the Board in the December meeting. The current policy hasn't been updated since adopted in 2018.
 - f. TEAM RCD – would like a MOU between the two districts and will be presented to the Board at the November meeting.
 - B. NRCS District Conservationist update provided by Allen Curry
Mr. Allen Curry is out of town, and Soil Conservation Tevin provided NRCS updates.

7. **Action Items:**

- A. Consideration to partially reimburse the Inland Urban Forest Council for the Spanish language publication copies.

Motion was made by Vice President Carian to make a \$600 donation to the IUFC; seconded by Director De Lara. Motion passed 5-0

- B. Consideration to pay the membership fee to California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

Motion was made by Director Ackley to pay \$1,000; seconded by Vice President Carian. Motion passed 5-0

- C. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02 to amend the District's Policy Manual Part (G) of Section I to reorganize the order of agenda items section, incorporate the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Correspondence, and Consent Calendar Items.

Resolution 2021-02 was adopted without the Invocation section, based on County Counsel's recommendation. Motion was made by Vice-President Blaine Carian; seconded by Director De Lara. Motion passed 5-0

- D. Consideration to Register the District's Irrigation Specialist to attend the Irrigation Show and Education Week hosted by the Irrigation Association in San Diego, California from December 6-10, 2021.

Motion was made by Vice President Carian; seconded by Director De Lara. Motion passed 5-0.

- E. Consideration of the District Manager's mileage request reimbursement of \$504.

Motion was made to approve the reimbursement by Director De Lara; seconded by Vice President Carian. Motion passed 5-0

8. **Discussion Items for the Good of the District:**

Vice President Carian brought up the need to have other agencies review the white paper being prepared by Mr. Ben Olson. He inquired about the need to make a motion to have other agencies provide feedback. It was determined that Board action was not necessary.

The Board also discussed the likelihood of working with the Coachella Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition.

9. **Closed Session:** No Closed Session.
10. **District General Counsel Reports and Announcements:** None
11. **Items for future Board Consideration:**
12. **Date of Next CVRCD Regular Board Meeting:**
The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021.
13. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Approved this 17th of November 2021



Yvonne Franco, District Manager/Secretary

The USDA Indio Service Center is closed to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions; the District held a regular in-person meeting at the City of Coachella Corporate Yard.