

Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District

Minutes of Meeting

December 15, 2022

Meeting Location

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

1. **Call to Order, Determination of a Quorum Introductions**
Meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.
Directors Present: President Ruben Arias, Vice-President Blaine Carian, Directors Don Ackley, Celeste Alonzo, Juan De Lara.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Arias.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved
4. **Public Comment:** No Public Comment.
5. **Consent Calendar:** Consent Calendar approved. Motion made by Director De Lara; seconded by Director Alonzo.

5-1: Minutes for November 2021
5-2: Financial Reports
6. **Correspondence:** District Manager mentioned that an email correspondence was received (Mr. Ed Luna) and that it was forwarded to the Board.
7. **Reports**
7-1: Staff Report
 - (a) Rental Property – Nothing to report.
 - (b) Staff – Irrigation Specialist Carlos Velazquez attended the Irrigation Association’s Conference in San Diego, updated the Board that three courses were completed at the Conference.
 - (c) Audit – The audit is ongoing.
 - (d) Project Ideas – the District Manager discussed two project ideas for the District to carry-out; 1) Collection of illegally dumped tires, and 2) a recycling bin for Agricultural chemical containers.
7-2: NRCS Report – The District Manager noted that no one from the NRCS was present.

8. Discussion Items and Old Business

8-1: Trail Cameras – Director De Lara provided an update on the camera that is currently in use. He mentioned that it has worked well. He recommended that the one he has now is currently not in use. He made a recommendation to Corporal Quezada that it can be used where its needed. The camera’s availability would be announced at the Growing Coachella Valley meeting. President Arias offered for the District to replace the camera if it damaged.

8-2: Learning Garden for Preschool – The District Manager reached out to the school principal. The principal mentioned that the school is not allowing anyone outside the school because of the state mandates.

8-3: Coachella Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition – Director Alonzo mentioned help is needed with outreach with the Spanish speaking growers.

8-4: Agricultural Enhancement Project – No one attended the December event.

8-5: White Paper – Vice-President Carian updated that the paper is being finalized.

9. Board Action and Discussion Items:

No Board Actions.

10. Discussion for the Good of the District / Items for Future Board Consideration

Director Carian mentioned that in the future he would like to see reports of the work that has been completed by Carlos. It was decided that quarterly reports would be presented to the Board. The quarter report that will in March will be presented in April’s meeting.

Director De Lara reminded the District Manager of the resolution that he will need to represent the District in the Salton Sea Long-term Planning Committee.

11. District General Counsel Report and Announcements: The District Manager announced that there was nothing to report from the Counsel’s office.

12. Closed Session: No Closed Session items were part of the agenda.

13. Date and location of next District Regular Board Meeting

The District Manager informed the Board that the City of Coachella Corporate Yard has been reserved for the January Meeting. However, if the USDA Indio Service Center is open to the public, the next regular meeting will be held in Indio.

14. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Approved this 16th of February 2022



Yvonne Franco, District Manager/Secretary