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**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**EASTERN KERN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (EKCRCD)**

**MEETING TIME:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Desert Valleys Federal Credit Union Community Resource Center  
100 E. Ward Avenue, Ridgecrest  
*Dial-in option: 551-240-6749; no access code needed*  
*Online option: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ekcrd3>*

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**CALL TO ORDER**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ROLL CALL**

**CARCD Report and Q&A Session:**

Our guests are CARCD Executive Director Nancy Wahl-Scheurich and CARCD President Rick Gomez (Inland Empire RCD).

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA\*:**

*\*Additions to the agenda may be briefly discussed to assign for research or place on the next agenda, but cannot acted upon.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter that is not on the agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. Also, the Board may take action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. However, no action may be taken by the Board at this time. [Gov. code 54954.3 (a)]

**CONSENT ITEMS:** Consent items are considered to be routine and non-controversial. They will be considered first and may be approved by on motion if no member of the Board or audience wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the Consent list and will be considered in listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.

**Minutes for April regular meeting.**

**Correspondence logs for April**

**Financial Reports for April:**

- Balance and spending reports

- Bank statements
- Reconciliation reports
- Registers

**Approve consent items.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Approve 2023 Annual Report.** (Vote required.)
- **Vote to appoint Melanie Branson EKCRCD Director.** (Clerk of the Board administers oath of office.)

### **Banking:**

- **Signatories on Bank of America account and Alta One account -960 sign April minutes when approved to transfer real state proceeds from AltaOne to Umpqua Bank money market account.**

### **Events:**

- **Vote on changing meeting schedule from Desert Valleys FCU Community Resource Center to United Methodist Church meeting space.** (Any change of schedule must be passed by resolution and published in a newspaper of general circulation.) Discuss the possible need to change the timing of daytime meetings.

### **Fiscal Year 2024:**

- **Revise/approve:**
  - annual plan
  - 5-year plan
  - 2024-25 initial budget
- **Elect EKCRCD officers and assign committees.**
- **Briefly discuss IWV Conservancy event.**
- **Briefly discuss CARCD Climate Smart Agriculture block grant for RCD capacity building and other grant possibilities.**

### **OLD BUSINESS** (from 2/13/24 regular meeting):

- **Tweak/approve for Request for Qualifications (or Information) for strategic plan creation.**

### **REGULAR REPORTS:**

#### **Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD)-**

Reports on April meetings. See written reports (available at meeting or in board packet at meeting or in EKCRCD office).

#### **Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)**

Report on April meetings. See written reports (available at meeting or in board

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**Administrative Assistant Report**

See written report at meeting or in EKCRCD office.

-Website hits for April were 14,066.

-Ethics training is due for Decker and Holman.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next meeting: closed session, employee review; vote on options for plant sale.

The next EKCRCD regular meeting will take place on 6/11/24 in the Community Resource Center of Desert Valleys Federal Credit Union, 100 E. Ward Avenue, Ridgecrest.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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