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

MEETING TIME: Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 5:00-7:00 PM
LOCATION: California City Chamber of Commerce, 8001 California City Blvd,
California City

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CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

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/Correspondence:

Approve:

- Minutes from 2/5/20 regular meeting
- Correspondence logs for February, 2020

Financial Reports:

- Bank statement from January, 2020
- Reconciliation reports from January, 2020
- Balance & Spending Reports (February, 2020)
- Current check & credit card registers (February, 2020)

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Vote on resolution to change day, time, and venue for Ridgecrest regular board meetings.** Times under consideration are the second Tuesday of the month or the first Monday of the month from 6-8 PM at the Desert Valleys Federal Credit Union Community Resource Center.
- **Vote on authorizing funds for print advertising for open director seat.**
- **Appoint other board member(s) to the Finance committee.**
- **Report from Director Wilson on the Mojave Desert Native Plant Materials Development and Restoration Workshop, February 11-13 in Las Vegas, NV.** See written report available in board packet and EKCRCD office.
- **Vote on transferring \$500 from reserve account to Bank of America account to pay for spring and fall Xeriscape presentations.**

At its 2/15/20 meeting, the Xeriscape committee recommended transferring \$500 from the reserve account to the Bank of America account to pay for spring and fall Xeriscape presentations by Mojave Desert Land Trust (MDLT) Director of Plant Conservation Programs Madena Asbell.
- **Xeriscape committee followup items:**
 - Set date of spring hardscape talk as Saturday, April 18, from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM.
 - Subject to approval of funding, set date for gardening presentation by Madena Asbell of the MDLT as 3/28/20, time to be negotiated.
 - Set date for August plant sale presentation.
- **Discuss liability insurance for directors and volunteers. Vote as necessary.**
 - Should EKCRCD proceed with a quote from the Special District Risk Management Authority? Minimum cost is \$2,550.
 - Should the District purchase additional Special Risk Accident Program insurance from The Hartford, and if so, at what level of coverage?
 - Should the District enlist/hire an attorney to help draft a release form for EKCRCD volunteers?
 - Should the District utilize only volunteer groups with their own liability or worker's comp. insurance?
- **Discuss possible projects for 2020. Update 2020-21 budget and annual and long-range plans.**
- **Set date for the Education committee to meet.**

REGULAR REPORTS:

Agency Reports:

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)-**
- **BLM Public Lands Roundtable-**
- **California Association of Resource Conservation Districts-**
See board packet materials available at meeting or in EKCRCD office.
Administrative Assistant Gooch will review take-aways of note to EKCRCD.
- **Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)-** Discuss 2/20/2020 regular meeting. A Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6:00 PM on 3/12/20. The Technical Advisory Committee is currently on hiatus.

EKCRCD Committee Reports:

- **Water Resources** (Decker, Powell)
- **Administrative** (Sanders, Decker, Wilson)
- **Finance** (Powell, McKernan)
- **Xeriscape** (Sanders, Decker, Wilson)- See written report in board packet available in EKCRCD office.
- **Wildlife and Habitat** (Buckreis, Sanders, Holman)-
- **Education/Information** (Buckreis, Decker, Holman)
- **Agriculture** (Holman, Sanders)

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Set date for Administrative committee meeting to (among other things) redesign employee evaluation form.

The date of the next regular meeting is TBD based on how the board votes at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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