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

MEETING TIME: Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 3:30 PM
LOCATION: Small conference room, Ridgecrest United
Methodist Church (RUMC), 639 N. Norma St.,
Ridgecrest

Remote options: Join Zoom Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA*:

**Additions to the agenda may be briefly discussed to assign for research or placed on the next agenda, but cannot be 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.

Consent Items for January:

Correspondence logs for January

Financial reports for January:

- Balance and spending reports
- Bank statements
- Reconciliation reports
- Registers

Grant invoices: Approve payment of invoices for WCB grant.

Approve consent items.

ACTION ITEMS (Votes Required):

- **Discuss/approve grow order for CDRCD.**
- **Mandeep Riar scheduled for February 24, 2026, at 3:30 PM** in small meeting room of RUMC. **Review/revise list of questions.**
- **WCB grant update:**
 - Recap meeting with BLM, CARCD, and Quail Forever.
 - Review budget and timeline for the remaining year of the grant.
 - Discuss concerns.
- **Review/revise, approve letters for:**
 - Support of AB 35 to expedite expenditure of climate bill funding.
 - Oppose Soda Springs solar project as proposed.
- **Discuss/plan Upcoming Events at the Maturango. Authorize funding.**
 - Feb. 14, 2:30-3:30 PM-Tyrone Ledford
 - March 14, 11AM-2 PM, IWV Conservancy event, garden tour with Bev Hill

Volunteer to man the table.

 - 4:15 PM Dr. Dessie Underwood** will Zoom in to discuss her participation in the event. She is scheduled to give a talk on insects in the garden (11AM-noon).
- **Mojave Desert Sentinel Landscapes (MDSL).** Schedule coordinator to speak at one of our meetings?
- **Keep CA Beautiful-**Do we want to partner with them and get involved?

REGULAR REPORTS:

Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD)-

Report on February meeting.

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)-

Report on January meeting.

Administrative Assistant Report:

- Website hits for December were 17,656.
- Ethics training due for Decker, Holman, Hill, Gooch.
- Forms 700 due for all board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-Habitat Certification Committee-

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next EKCRCD regular meeting is scheduled for 3:30 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in the small conference room of the RUMC, 639 N. Norma Street, Ridgecrest.

See end of board packet for articles about court ruling to protect desert tortoise and Searles Valley Minerals layoffs.

ADJOURNMENT

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