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

MEETING TIME: Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 6:00-8:00 PM
LOCATION: Ridgecrest Room, Kerr-McGee Community Center
100 W. California Ave., 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

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA*:

**Additions to the agenda may be discussed but not 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 3/14/23 meeting.

Correspondence logs for March, 2022

Financial Reports for March:

- Balance and spending reports

- Bank statements
- Reconciliation reports
- Registers

Approve consent items.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Approve 2022 annual report.**
- **Authorize application for Dept. of Conservation Capacity Building Grant** (application due 5/8/23). Decide on priority asks (see strategic issues 9 &10 draft long-range plan). Delegate application.
- **Approve comments on Ridgecrest PD OHV grant application** (due 5/1/23).
- **Authorize purchase of EKCRCRD t-shirts** (can arrive in time for 5/13/23 plant talk).
- **Schedule seed packaging.** Alter quantities and charges if necessary.
- **Discuss plant sale including dates and orders.**
- **Discuss Wildlife Conservation Board-CARCD block grant.** Need to invoice by 4/20/23. Need to sign planning subcontract first.
- **Discuss High Desert regional meeting (5/5/23).** Finalize plans.
- **Discuss 5/13/23 plant talk.** Finalize plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

Per EKCRCRD bylaws, the following should be completed by 3/31/23:

- **Approve annual plan for 2023-24.**
- **Revise and approve initial budget for 2023-24.**
- **Revise and approve long-range plan.**

CLOSED SESSION: Personnel matter

(To consider the performance of a Public Employee)
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

Closed session report: Nothing required to be reported under the Brown Act.

REGULAR REPORTS:

Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWWVD)-

Report on 3/13/23 and 4/10/23 meetings.

See written report on 3/13/23 meeting (attached in board packet and available in EKCRCD office).

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Report 3/8/23 IWVGA meeting.

See written report (attached in board packet and available in EKCRCD office).

Administrative Assistant Report- See written report (available in office after this meeting).

-Website hits for the month of February were 5,750.

-Ethics training is due for all board members.

-Form 700 is due for Powell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CARCD board meeting is 4/12/23 from 9:00 AM-? Zoom link available.

Forms 700 are due 4/3/23 to the EKCRCD office. If you have not done so already, please turn in your form at this meeting.

The High Desert regional meeting (of the CARCD) will take place on Friday, 5/5/23, from 9:00 AM- ~2:00 PM. The meeting will start at 9:30 AM in the Coso Room of the Maturango and end at the BLM Horse & Burro Facility.

The plant presentation by Dr. Dale Devitt has been rescheduled to 5/13/23 at ~11:00 AM in the Coso Room at the Maturango Museum.

The next regular board meeting will be 6:00-8:00 PM on 5/9/23 in the Ridgecrest Room of the Kerr McGee Community Center, 100 W. California City Ave., Ridgecrest.

ADJOURNMENT

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