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

MEETING TIME: Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 9:15-11:15 AM
LOCATION: Dial-in: (551) 240-6749, no access code required
Online: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ekcrd3>
BLM large conference room, 300 S. Richmond, Ridgecrest

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Due to space restrictions at the BLM, *members of the public* are encouraged to attend remotely or email written comments or questions in advance of the meeting. As a courtesy to help us prepare for the meeting, if you will attend in person, please email ekcrd@gmail.com at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

BLM doors will be opened for the meeting at 9:10 AM, but will remain locked after 9:15 AM. (After that time you will need to make entry arrangements with BLM.) Attendees will sign in at the front desk while maintaining a social distance of 6 feet (sign-out also required). In the event that a social distance of 6 feet cannot be maintained, masks will be required.

All agenda item supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Administrative Assistant of the Board (address above) during her regular hours (Monday-Friday, 8 AM-noon except Federal holidays) following the posting of the agenda. Any supporting documentation that relates to an agenda item for an open session of any regular meeting that is distributed after the agenda is posted and prior to the meeting will also be available for review at the same location. It is recommended that you make an appointment to review the documentation.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Natural Resources Conservation Service Report: Discuss setting up time for District tour.

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 3/9/21 meeting

Correspondence logs

Financial Reports:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Discuss opening new bank account for the land sale proceeds, and if necessary, set appointment for signatories. Vote as necessary.**
- **Make plans for staff and meetings during BLM office remodel. Vote as necessary.**
- **Discuss changing day/time of regular meetings. Vote as necessary.**
- **2021 legislative update. Decide which bills to actively support (with a letter), sign onto, and actively oppose. Approve opposition letter for AB339 (Lee).**
- **Revise/approve 2020 annual report.**
- **Authorize contribution to the Richard Campbell memorial scholarship fund for CA Envirothon teams.**
- **Discuss/authorize approaching local Parks and Recreation committees to test plots of Kurapia in obligate turf-covered spaces and investigate whether inexpensive smart irrigation controllers are practical for parks.**
- **Updates:**
 - Seed conservation/native plant restoration webinar series (Sanders, Buckreis)
 - PlantRight survey (Buckreis)
 - Facebook tracking and monthly website hits (Wilson, Gooch)
 - CIMIS station (Wilson)

REGULAR REPORTS:

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority-

Report on 2/18/21 and 3/10/21 meetings.

Indian Wells Valley Water District-

Report on 2/8/21, 3/8/21, and 4/12/21 meetings. Discuss defunct cash-for-grass program and what the IWVWD is doing/could do to implement 2018 AB401 (Dodd), the Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program.

EKCRCD Committee Reports:

Set committee meetings as necessary.

Administrative Assistant Report: Update on disposal of surplus equipment, online seed sales, Form 700, ethics training, sexual harassment training.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular meeting is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (GOVERNMENT Code Section 54953.2).

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