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

MEETING TIME: Monday, December 16, 2024, 2:30-4:00 PM
LOCATION: Small conference room, BLM Ridgecrest
300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest
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: District Conservationist Arnelis Crespo is attending the CARCD conference.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA*:

**Additions to the agenda may be briefly discussed to assign for research or placed 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 November regular meeting
Correspondence logs for November

Financial Reports for November:

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

Approve consent items.

ACTION ITEMS (Votes Required):

- **If desired, vote on a new authorized signer for Umpqua Money Market account to replace Eric Wilson.** (Two signers are recommended but not necessary).
- **If desired, vote on a new authorized signer to replace Eric Wilson on AltaOne accounts.** (Other signers Decker, Sanders, Gooch). **If necessary set appointment date at AltaOne.**
- **Vote to authorize contributions of \$200 each to the Desert Empire Fairgrounds for 2023 and 2024.** No contributions made for these years.
- **Vote to authorize Contributions for Rich Campbell Memorial Scholarship for Envirothon winners for 2023 and 2024.** No contributions made for these years. Usual contribution is \$250.
- **Discuss possible times and days for board meetings** to be cleared with Director Branson. Schedule should be published on the website by 1/1/25.

Updates:

- WCB grant
- Plant sale
- Audit report
- Special meeting with Cerro Coso

REGULAR REPORTS:

Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD)-

November Water District meeting not attended due to a conflict with the November EKCRCD Board meeting. (Note: the water district meeting is moved to Tuesday if the second Monday of the month is a holiday.)

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

No November meetings.

Administrative Assistant Report:

See written report in board packet available in office.

- Website hits for November: 13,686.
- Ethics training is due 3/31/25 for Decker, Holman, Sanders, Gooch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next EKCRCD regular meeting is to be decided.

ADJOURNMENT

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