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

MEETING TIME: LOCATION: Tuesday, January 9, 2023, noon-1:30 PM Small conference room, Ridgecrest BLM 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest 4043 N. Brown Rd., Inyokern Dial-in option: 551-240-6749; no access code needed Online option: https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ekcrcd3

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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 <u>not on</u> <u>the agenda</u> 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 December meeting.

Correspondence logs for December, 2023

Financial Reports for December:

• Balance and spending reports

- Bank statements
- Reconciliation reports
- Registers

Approve consent items.

ACTION ITEMS:

•Set date for special meeting to discuss/revise Request for Information for strategic plan.

- •Set date for special meeting to discuss what to do with proceeds from escrow in the long term.
- •Vote to remove former directors Powell and Thomas from AltaOne and/or Bank of America accounts, if they are signatories on those accounts.
- •Authorize expense of \$50 to purchase a subscription to the News Review.

•Discuss banking issues. Vote as necessary:

-Where should EKCRCD move its operations account?

- Discuss procedure for transferring funds from Bank of America and closing the account. As necessary set appointment date(s) with signatories.
- -Should we move the commercial credit card to Umpqua Bank? Discuss procedure for closing the old account and opening a new account. If necessary set appointment date with signatories.
- -Where should we bank the proceeds from escrow in the short term? Sign voucher and/or other document(s) needed to transfer the funds.
- •Discuss board vacancy and process for appointment. The appointment of a new director now falls to EKCRCD.
- •Review/discuss Notice of Public Hearing of conditional use permits for asphalt and concrete batch plants along Redrock-Randsburg Road. If necessary authorize comment letter.

AGENCY REPORTS:

CARCD-Report on 12/13/23 and 12/14/23 business meeting. See written report (available at meeting or board packet in EKCRCD office).

REGULAR REPORTS:

Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD)-

Report on 1/8/24 meeting.

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Report on 12/13/23 meeting. See written reports on this meeting and the 11/13/23 meeting (available at meeting or board packet in EKCRCD office).

Administrative Assistant Report- See written report (available at meeting and in EKCRCD office).

-Website hits for December: 7,306. -Ethics training is due for Decker and Holman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:None

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next EKCRCD regular meeting will take place on 2/13/24 in the large conference room of the BLM, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest.

ADJOURNMENT

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