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

**MEETING TIME:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 3:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Small conference room, Ridgecrest United  
Methodist Church (RUMC), 639 N. Norma St.,  
Ridgecrest

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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 April:**

## **Minutes for April 14.**

### **Correspondence logs for April**

Incoming correspondence  
Outgoing correspondence

### **Financial reports for April:**

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

### **Pay Invoices:**

- **Grant invoices: Review invoices for WCB grant and approve payment.**

**Approve consent items.**

## **ACTION ITEMS (Votes Required):**

- **Set dates for:**
  - Dr. Mandeep Riar's talk (she's available the month of July)
  - meeting to update 5-year plan (approve refreshment budget)
- **Approve NACD dues payment for 2026-2027** (usual amount is \$101).
- **Discuss and update annual plan.**
- **Discuss and assign letters:**
  - Inyokern data center
  - Castle Mountain mine
  - Mojave cement plant
- **Discuss and vote on participating in a pilot program with CFWS for sale of western Joshua tree seedlings and seeds.**
- **WCB grant update**
- **Discuss and possibly approve preliminary marketing for plant sale.**

## **REGULAR REPORTS:**

**Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD)-**

No meeting report this month.

**Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)-**

Report on April 30 public meeting.

**Administrative Assistant Report:**

- Website hits for April were 15,154.
- Ethics training due for Decker, Holman, and Hill.
- Fiscal management training due for all board and staff members. (Due 1/1/2028.)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**-Habitat Certification Committee-** Review May seed event and upcoming events. (See April minutes attached in board packet and available in board office during regular hours.)

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next EKCRCD regular meeting is scheduled for 3:30 PM on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, in the small conference room of the RUMC, 639 N. Norma Street, Ridgecrest.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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