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

MEETING TIME: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, noon-1:30 PM
LOCATION: Large conference room, Ridgecrest BLM
300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest
9533 Rea Ave., California City, CA
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 January regular and special meetings.
Correspondence logs for January-February
Financial Reports for January:

- Balance and spending reports
- Bank statements
- Reconciliation reports

- Registers

Approve consent items.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Vote whether to pay adjusted dues for full, scaled CARCD membership for 2023-24.**
- **Vote on delegate to special CARCD meeting** (currently 3/7/24 at 4:00 PM) **to elect board officers.**
- **Approve audit report for 2022-23. Set date for sending out Request for Proposal for new auditor.** (Contract should be signed before 6/1/25).

- **Discuss and approve bullet points for comment letter on Garlock Pit mine CUP-extension. If available, vote on draft letter.**

- **Review and approve strategic plan Request for Information.**

- **Discuss outreach for EKCRCD at farmers' markets. Vote as necessary.**

OLD BUSINESS (from 2/2/24 special meeting):

- **If necessary revoke where to deposit proceeds from escrow in the longer term.** The Umpqua Bank high-yield savings account is a money market account.

REGULAR REPORTS:

Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD)-

Reports on January meeting and workshop. See written reports (available at meeting or board packet in EKCRCD office).

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Report on January meeting. See written report (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: 6,850.
- 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.

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