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

MEETING TIME: Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 9:00-11:00 AM
LOCATION: BLM large conference room, 300 S. Richmond Rd.,
Ridgecrest

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CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

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/Correspondence:

Approve:

- Minutes from 12//4/19 and 1/8/20 regular meetings.
- Correspondence logs for December, 2019, and January, 2020.
 - email correspondence from Kelsey Wolf-Cloud
 - email correspondence from James Cali

Financial Reports:

- Bank statements from November, 2019, and December, 2019.
- Reconciliation reports from November, 2019, and December, 2019.
- Balance & Spending Reports (December, 2019, and January, 2020)

- Current check & credit card registers (December, 2019, and January, 2020)

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Vote on transferring AltaOne checking account (-639) balance to AltaOne savings account (-639).**
- **Appoint Mike Powell as EKCRC D representative to the Technical Advisory Committee of the IWV Groundwater Authority.**
- **Set dates for Education committee to meet, if not already set.**
- **Discuss returning to a 5-member board. Vote as necessary.**
- **Vote on request and budget for directors Decker and Wilson to attend Mojave Desert Native Plant Materials Development and Restoration Workshop, February 11-13 in Las Vegas, NV.**
- **Xeriscape committee followup items:**
 - 12/7/19 and 1/21/20 committee reports
 - report on meeting with Chip Holloway
 - correspondence from Wendy Proud, regional wholesaler for Mountain States Wholesale Nursery
 - liability insurance for directors and volunteers. Should EKCRC D proceed with a quote from the Special District Risk Management Authority?
 - If possible set date for spring plant talk on hardscape/weed control, etc.

Vote as necessary.
The date for 2020 plant sale is Saturday, September 26, at the same location as last year.
- **Consider/vote on request from Kelsey Wolf-Cloud to become a promotional partner for California Adaptation Forum.**
- **Consider/vote on request from James Cali to add links to our links webpage.**
- **Vote on request from Administrative Assistant Gooch to leave at 11:15 AM on Fridays and make up time Monday-Thursday.**
- **Discuss Rose Valley geothermal EIS and assign comment letter. Vote as necessary.**
- **Discuss possible projects for 2020.**
- **Discuss possible locations for California City meetings.**
- **Report on Carbon Farming (CF) Network Regional Carbon Farming Hub**

Planning Grant retreat by Director Holman. Update on plan second draft and timeline.

REGULAR REPORTS:

Agency Reports:

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**-Poster-contest winner presentation will be on 2/7/20 at Mojave Elementary at 1:30 PM, at the school assembly. Vice President Sanders will present the awards.
- **BLM Public Lands Roundtable-**
- **California Association of Resource Conservation Districts-**
Next meeting is 2/19/19 from 12:30-3:30 PM, available by Zoom Web conference. Can someone from EKCRCD attend?
- **Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)**-Discuss 12/12/19 public workshop and 12/19/19 and 1/16/20 regular meetings. The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Technical Advisory Committee TAC are currently on hiatus.

EKCRCD Committee Reports:

- **Water Resources** (Decker, Powell)
- **Administrative** (Sanders, Decker, Wilson)
- **Finance** (Powell, McKernan)
- **Xeriscape** (Sanders, Decker, Wilson)-
- **Wildlife and Habitat** (Buckreis, Sanders, Holman)- -Report on 12/12/19 Wildlife meeting recommendations.
- **Education/Information** (Buckreis, Decker, Holman)
- **Agriculture** (Holman, Sanders)

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The March regular meeting is the annual planning meeting to revise the annual plan, long-range plan, and fiscal year 2020-21 budget.

Set date for Administrative committee meeting to (among other things) redesign employee evaluation form.

The date of the next regular meeting will be 3/4/20 in California City, pending reservation of venue.

Don Joe McKernan's celebration of life is currently planned for 2/22/20.

ADJOURNMENT

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