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

MEETING TIME: Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 3:30 PM
LOCATION: Small conference room, Ridgecrest United
Methodist Church (RUMC), 639 N. Norma St.,
Ridgecrest

Remote options: Join Zoom Meeting

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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 February:

Correspondence logs for February

Financial reports for February:

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

Pay Invoices:

- **Grant invoices: Approve payment of invoices for WCB grant.**
- **Reimburse Secretary Branson for nametags.**

Approve consent items.

ACTION ITEMS (Votes Required):

- **Approve expense reimbursement for Dr. Dessie Underwood.**
- **Approve monthly budget for Habitat Certification Program.**
- **Reschedule Dr. Mandeep Riar.** Dates available: March 18 (W), 20 (F), 23 (M), 26 (Th), and 27 (F).
- **Schedule meeting to discuss/approve 2025 annual report, officer elections, committee assignments, annual/long-range plans, final FY 2025 and initial FY 2026 budgets, employee review.**
- **Vote needed: Approve GIS subcontractor for EREMICO, LLC, biological consultants (Denise LaBetreux).**
- **Schedule a short presentation by Dr. Gabrielle Scheffer on determining species composition using DNA residuals (eDNA analysis), which can augment traditional field methods?**
- **Do we want to extend Dell service contract for desktop computer?**
- **Discuss IWV Conservancy event on 3/14.** Finalize details. Discuss other upcoming events.
- **WCB grant update:**
 - status report
 - discuss concerns

REGULAR REPORTS:

Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD)-
Report on March meeting.

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)-
Report on February meeting.

Administrative Assistant Report:

- Website hits for February were 16,399.
- Ethics training due for Decker, Holman, Hill, Gooch.
- Forms 700 due for all board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Habitat Certification Committee**-See Action Items.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next EKCRCD regular meeting is scheduled for 3:30 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, in the small conference room of the RUMC, 639 N. Norma Street, Ridgecrest.

See end of board packet for articles about court ruling to NAWS China Lake status report.

ADJOURNMENT

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