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

MEETING TIME: Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Ridgecrest Room, Kerr McGee Community Center
100 W. California Avenue Ridgecrest
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

INTRODUCTIONS:

Our guest is Melanie Branson, board applicant, Burroughs HS biology teacher, general manager of the IWV Conservancy, and graduate student in conservation biology at Miami University of Ohio.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA*:

**Additions to the agenda may be briefly discussed to assign for research or place on the next agenda, but cannot 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 February regular meeting. No March meeting.
Correspondence logs for February and March
Financial Reports for February and March:

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

Approve consent items.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Approve 2023 Annual Report.** (Vote required.)

Banking:

- **Choose signers for the Umpqua Bank money market savings account.** (Vote required.)
- **Vote to authorize Administrative Assistant Gooch to close the Bank of America account when all checks clear.**
- **Vote to authorize Administrative Assistant Gooch to move escrow proceeds from AltaOne checking account -639 to the AltaOne savings account -960 and wire them to Umpqua Bank once the money market account is opened.** (The signatures of all signatories must be on the minutes in order to make the transfers.)
- **Vote on additional account administrator** (besides Administrative Assistant Gooch) **for CalCard account.** This person must be able to meet with AA Gooch and former director Thomas sometime in April or May.

Events:

- **Discuss participation in IWV Conservancy conservation event Saturday, 4/13/24, from 11 AM-2 PM at the Maturango Museum.** Vote as necessary.
- **Vote on whether to purchase a City of Ridgecrest business license plus certification of occupancy** (cost \$111, necessary to sell at farmers' market).
- **Vote on changing meeting schedule and/or Ridgecrest evening meeting venue from Kerr McGee Center to Desert Valleys FCU Community Resource Center.** (Any change of schedule must be passed by resolution and published in a newspaper of general circulation.)

CARCD:

- **Review candidate statements and vote on CARCD officers.** Secretary Sanders must certify a statement to that effect.
- **Please decide on a date for CARCD board members to attend at one of our meetings** to give a report and listen to concerns.

Legislation:

- **SB 1935-Vote on passing a resolutions to oppose, as recommended by CSDA.**
- **Review bills on the horizon regarding limiting collection of developer fees. Vote on taking action to oppose or on following CSDA's guidance.**

Fiscal Year 2024:

- **Revise/approve:**
 - annual plan
 - 5-year plan
 - 2024-25 initial budget
- **Elect EKCRCD officers and assign committees.**

Update on WCB/CARCD. Decide on next steps.

OLD BUSINESS (from 2/13/24 regular meeting):

- **Tweak/approve for Request for Qualifications (or Information) for strategic plan creation.**

REGULAR REPORTS:

Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD)-

Reports on February and March meetings. See written reports (available at meeting or in board packet in EKCRCD office).

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Report on February and March meetings. See written reports (available at meeting or in board packet in EKCRCD office).

Administrative Assistant Report-

- Website hits for February were 14,408; hits for March were 11,527.
- Ethics training is due for Decker and Holman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting: closed session, employee review.

The next EKCRCD regular meeting will take place on 5/14/24 in the Ridgecrest Room of Kerr-McGee Community Center, 100 W. California Avenue, Ridgecrest.

ADJOURNMENT

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