

Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District  
USDA Service Center  
81077 Indio Blvd., Ste. A  
Indio, CA 92201

Meeting Minutes  
January 24, 2024  
8:00 AM

Directors Present: President Ruben Arias; Vice-President Blaine Carian; Director Juan De Lara; Director Don Ackley; Director Celeste Alonzo

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: District Manager Yvonne Franco; Irrigation Specialist Carlos Velazquez; Admin Assistant Valerie Velazquez

Members of the Public: Ms. Janet Hartin, for the UCCE Riverside Master Gardener; Jennifer Prado, for the Southern California Mountains Foundation; Sandy Bonilla, for the Southern California Mountains Foundation; and Bonnie Hunt, for the Southern California Mountains Foundation

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ruben Arias at 8:03AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ruben Arias led us in the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action item 9-1 was moved to allow our guests speakers to present timely.

9. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

9-1: Discuss a program collaboration between the District, Southern California Mountains Foundation Urban Conservation Corps, and University of California Agricultural and Natural Resources Master Gardeners.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

5. CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

CARCD correspondence regarding membership.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6-1: Meeting Minutes for November

6-2: Meeting Minutes for December 2023

6-3: Financials for December 2023

7. REPORTS

7-1: NRCS Report – Tomas provided updates on NRCS operations.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

8-1: Weather Station installment

8-2: Tire Collection Event on February 1, 2024

8-3: DSUSD Early Education School Garden special event

8-4: New Tenant – Highway 111

8-5: Puncturevine update

8-6: Amendments to Policy Manual and drafting of an Employee Manual – updates will be necessary.

8-7: CSDA – 2024 Board Secretary/Clerk Conference to be held in October 2024.  
District Manager has registered for this event.

10. District General Counsel Report and Announcements

Nothing to report.

11. District Items for the Future Board Consideration

None.

12. Date and location of Next District Regular Board Meeting

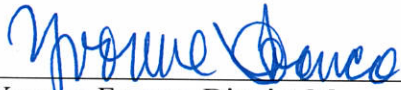
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13. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Approved this 24th day of January 2024



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Yvonne Franco, District Manager / Secretary