



# North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District

(formerly the Guadalupe-Coyote RCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

*Note: Though agenda items may be considered out of order (for example, to accommodate the schedules of guest speakers and/or members of the public in attendance for a specific item, or when items are removed from the consent agenda), the official minutes remain recorded in the same order as originally published in the official agenda. Number of votes are reflected in the following order: Aye-Nay-Abstention, with nays and abstentions called out by Director name.*

Susan Hare  
President

Gail Bautista  
Vice-President

Frank Maitiski  
Director

Paula Quintero  
Director

Director (vacant)

Larry Johmann  
Associate Director  
Director Emeritus

Rick Lanman, MD  
Associate Director  
Director Emeritus

Bill Leikam  
Associate Director  
Director Emeritus

Brian Schmidt  
Associate Director

Mel Sarmiento  
Associate Director

Kat Wilson  
Associate Director

Stephanie Moreno  
Executive Director &  
District Clerk

Julie Gartenbein  
District Counsel

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#### 1. Call to Order:

1.1 The meeting was called to order by President Hare. Directors present: President Hare, Vice President Bautista, and Directors Maitiski and Quintero (arrived at 5:38 p.m.). Executive staff present: Executive Director/District Clerk Moreno and District Counsel Gartenbein.

1.2 Vote on request by Director Quintero to participate in the meeting virtually under the just cause provisions of the Brown Act.

*Motion: Approve the request by Director Quintero to participate in the meeting virtually under the just cause provisions of the Brown Act. (Hare/Bautista; 3-0-0)*

#### 2. Meeting Agenda:

*Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Hare/Maitiski; 4-0-0)*

#### 3. Public Comment at a Special Meeting – Matters not on the Agenda: None

#### 4. Director Appointment Process Update:

4.1 The Board received a report from District Counsel regarding PRC section 9314 and the County Board of Supervisors authority to appoint a successor within 60 days of an unscheduled vacancy.

4.2 The Board received a report from NSCRCD President of activities subsequent to May 2, 2024 NSCRCD Board Meeting.

4.3 The Board discussed the appointment process for the unscheduled vacancy consistent with PRC sections 9314, 9316, and agreed that even though they did not appear to have appointing authority at this time, to proceed with an informational interview of Candidate #4 in order to treat this candidate as fairly and equally as possible, given that the other three candidates were interviewed together at the May 2, 2024 meeting. At this point, Director Maitiski acknowledged that Candidate #4 had asked him to be a reference, so in the interest of avoiding any concern being raised regarding the appearance of any potential conflict given he may also be making the appointment decision, he stepped out of the room for the duration of Candidate #4's interview.

Directors were asked to ask the candidate the same questions they asked in the previous interviews, and they proceeded to interview Candidate #4.

At the conclusion of the interview, Director Maitiski returned to the meeting, and after discussion, the Board took the following action:

*Motion: Defer considering action to make an appointment within 60 days of the date of unscheduled vacancy created by former Director McColl's resignation. (Hare/Quintero; 4-0-0)*

- 5. Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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