

AGENDA

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Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta

Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Truax Building

41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor

Temecula, CA 92590

MISSION STATEMENT

The TEAMRCD promotes conservation practices of natural resources, opportunities for public education and participation, and a sustainable quality of life for communities within the District.

ADDING URGENCY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA:

Items may be added to the Agenda in accordance with section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code (Brown Act), upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District after the agenda was posted.

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject not identified on this Agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District. Please note that for items not listed on the agenda, the Brown Act imposes limitations on what the Board may do at this time. The Board may not take action on the item at this meeting. As to matters on the Agenda, persons will be given an opportunity to address the Board when the matter is considered. If you wish to speak during public comment, please fill out a "Speaker Request Form" and give it to the Board Secretary. When the Board President calls your name, please immediately begin by giving your name and address for the record. Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to address the Board.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. All items appearing on the Consent Calendar may be disposed of by a single motion. Items shall be removed from the Consent Calendar if any member of the Board of Directors, staff member, or interested person requests removal prior to a vote on a motion to approve the items. Such items shall be considered separately for action by the Board.

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of March 11, 2021
2. Consider approval for current Financials and Management Reports for period ended March 31, 2021.
3. Consider approval for current bills and reimbursements:
 - a) Bills Paid:
 1. American Express, \$144.65 - Got Transcripts, USPS
 2. BB&K Inv. #898882, \$189.00, – Legal Services
 3. Deborah Getty, Inv. #003, \$496.00 – Administration
 - b) Bills to be paid or reimbursements:
 1. SAWA Inv. #2020-143, \$1,472.73 and Inv. #2020-136, \$1,533.23, Inv. #2021-06, \$1,002.52 – Flood Control Projects/Collaboration
 - c) Accounts Receivable:
 1. SAWA - \$1,421.70

Approve all Correspondence and General information listed below as received on Consent Calendar

III. CORRESPONDENCE

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION –CORRESPONDENCE GENERAL

1. CARCD - 3/29/21
2. CSDA - 3/11/21,3/16/21,3/23/21,3/30/21
3. River Network – 3/12/21,3/16/21,3/23/21
4. NACD eResource – 3/23/21, 4/1/21
5. Cheri Marinos Retirement Email – 3/26/21
6. Executed Legal Services Agreement – County Counsel
7. Executed Streamline Website Subscription Agreement
8. County of Riverside – Tax Sale for Tax Defaulted properties – 2/23/21
9. SDRMA Notice of Renewal Indication to be found online – 3/5/21

V. SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. CHRIS GREY-WRCOG- Deputy Executive Director-Western Regional Council of Governments
2. MELISSA CUSHMAN-New District Counsel

VI. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Bob Hewitt-Report and Update on NRCS activity and ongoing projects
2. Discussion and potential approval of increasing responsibilities and wage reimbursement for current office manager to maintain accounting and bookkeeping-Rose Corona
3. Update on new accounts both general and investment at Chase Bank-Newt Parkes
4. Discussion and review of 2021 strategic plan-Rose Corona
5. Discussion and potential approval of yearly District insurance policy-Newt Parkes

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Cannabis Grant Program-Teri Biancardi

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Homeless Monitoring - Newt Parkes
2. Update and discussion on AEIP and CropSwap reports - Lisa Battiato
3. Update on Anza/Aguanga area-Teri Biancardi
4. Update on Board Policy updates-Rick Neugebauer
5. Update and discussion on website progress-Lisa Battiato and Deb Getty

IX. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS

1. Rose Corona
2. Lisa Battiato
3. Newt Parkes
4. Randy Feeney
5. Teri Biancardi
6. Rick Neugebauer

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

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Next Meeting: May 13, 2021 at 4:00 PM Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM

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I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Rose Corona (President), Lisa Battiato (Vice President), Newt Parkes (Secretary/Treasurer) Randy Feeney (Director), Teri Biancardi (Director)

Directors Absent: None

Associate Directors Present: Rick Neugebauer

Associate Directors Absent: None

Office Manager: Deborah Getty – Present

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS): Robert Hewitt – Absent

Guest Speakers: Eva Plajzer – Rancho California Water District
Brian Brady – SAWA – Santa Ana Watershed Association

Public Guests: Kimberly Wall – Rancho California Water District
Andrea Mares - District Supervisor Chuck Washington's office

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda, consent calendar, financials and correspondence as presented. Director Battiato moved and Director Parkes seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item 1: Discussion and potential approval to appoint Board Director to serve as Anza/Aguanga liaison.

President Corona moved to appoint Director Teri Biancardi as the liaison for the Anza/Aguanga area. Director Parkes seconds. Board moves to discuss. In discussion, Director Biancardi notes that she did

not feel that she is the appropriate person for the Anza/Aguanga area but would be willing to do the work until an Associate Director can be nominated to do the work. A.D. Neugebauer states that he feels that this position needs to be taken care of by a Board Director as it was by the previous Director that Ms. Biancardi replaced. Director Battiato shares her experience with the Board as to how she knew nothing of agriculture per se in regards to Crop Swap and the Irrigation Efficiency programs but has found the learning process and the work rewarding. Input from Director Parkes who also was unfamiliar with Homelessness and the reporting it entailed but notes that it has been highly educational for him. President Corona reminds board that the motion on the table addresses only that a Director, in this case Ms. Biancardi, take on the responsibility of liaison to the Anza/Aguanga area of the district but it does not include assigning the duties of the Board Director to an Associate Director. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Item 2: Discussion and potential approval on investment strategy for Conservation Easement CD's and new account creation.

Director Parkes reviews and reports on the current bank status as presented on the financials. After general discussion, President Corona moved to move all bank accounts that exist at Wells Fargo Bank to Chase with the exception of one mitigation account that is waiting for review by CDFW in order to move those funds over to Chase as well. As well, all bank accounts at Union Banc will move to Chase with the percentage of the CD's at .05% or five basis points for a 6 month period at which time it will be re-evaluated. Director Feeney seconded. No further discussion. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: Discussion on reviewing and potentially approving Board Director/Associate Director policies.

Associate Director Neugebauer reports that he and Director Feeney have been working on putting together an updated Associate Director policy and he is hoping to be able to provide updates at the next meeting for suggestion and/or review. No motion necessary.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1: Update on Homeless Task Force.

Director Parkes reported that the encampments reported in the months of December and January have been handled as there was no evidence left in the Santa Gertrudis Channel. Temecula Creek Channel report has shown there may have been some activity but they were no longer there. Director Parkes has forwarded this information over to Mike Wooten for further follow up. Director Parkes also attended the monthly Homeless Task Force meeting in Lake Elsinore with nothing new to report. No motion necessary.

Item 2: Update and discussion on AEIP and CropSwap reports.

Director Battiato reports that we have had approximately 10 new CropSwap applications since the last meeting mainly due to the rootstock replacement. General discussion and education on the rootstock replacements. Additionally, Director Battiato is working with the grove managers and providing them with the consent forms and liability waivers ahead of time to streamline the process for their clients. No motion necessary.

Item 3: Update on approval of new District Counsel.

President Corona reports the appropriate legal services agreement has been signed which will be put in front of the Board of Supervisors by March 23rd or March 30th. There is considerably hourly cost savings with moving to have County Counsel be the new District Counsel. As well, the new District Counsel was formerly the District Counsel for TEAM RCD from June 2015 to approximately 2019 and they have a good

historical and experienced knowledge with TEAM RCD. The District Counsel should be in place by next meeting. No motion necessary.

Item 4: Update of the TEAMRCD website.

Deborah Getty reports that we received the SDLF scholarship covering 15 months of the initial fees. Additionally, our monthly fees came in at \$25.00 per month instead of \$50,00 per month. Director Battiato, Director Feeney and Deborah to attend a website training session on March 23rd. No motion necessary.

VI. SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of Eva Plajzer, Assistant General Manager – Rancho California Water District. Ms. Plajzer presents how Rancho Water is working for our community with a District overview of their Mission, Board of Directors, At a Glance, Diversifying the Water Supply Portfolio, Business Initiatives, The CropSwap and Agricultural Irrigation Efficiency Program in partnership with TEAM RCD. Ms. Plajzer addressed a common misconception about the role of RCWD in the community and noted that their mission is to maintain the pipelines and delivery systems for water in the community. Also there was a brief discussion about Vail Lake and other projects regarding the Vail Dam. President Corona noted that they TEAM RCD is looking for more projects to work with Rancho Water on and hoped they could find more in the future beyond what TEAM was presently working on.

Introduction of Brian Brady, Executive Director of SAWA (Santa Ana Watershed Association) and also a Board member of the Rancho California Water District. Mr. Brady notes that SAWA has been around since the late 1980's and they incorporated in 2002. They are a 501 (C) (3) and they are a consulting company that is not for profit that handles biomonitoring and remediation. The Board is comprised of representatives to include TEAM RCD, Riverside, Corona, Inland Empire and San Jacinto Basin RCD's. First priority for SAWA in much of their work is removing invasives for their clients both private and governmental and then habitat restoration for the same. SAWA and TEAM RCD have been partnering on the contractual work since 2015 and have projects with Riverside Flood and working on improving the Homeless situation by monitoring particular sites and notifying the local organizations that handle and help the homeless. The partnership and pilot program has made great strides. Brian

VII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS

DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Director Battiato made a motion to adjourn the meeting. President Corona seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer