

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

Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023
8:00 AM

Directors Present: President Ruben Arias; Vice-President Blaine Carian; Director Juan De Lara

Directors Absent: Director Don Ackley; Director Celeste Alonzo

Staff Present: District Manager Yvonne Franco; Administrative Assistant Valerie Velazquez

Members of the Public:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ruben Arias at 8:09 AM. Vice-President Carian announced that he would need to leave the meeting early.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ruben Arias led us in the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No action taken.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Brad Anderson provided information on a tree tool.

Action Item 9-1 was moved to allow Vice-President Caria to participate.

9. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

9-1: Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 to amend Part G, of Section I of the District's Policy Manuel to Amend the Agenda Format.

Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve to adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 to amend Part G, of Section I of the District's Policy Manuel to Amend the Agenda Format. President Ruben Arias provided the second. The motion was approved 3-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Absent	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Absent		

8-4: Weather Stations – Weather station program was moved to allow Vice-President Carian to participate.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

5-1: Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 2023

5-2: Approval of Financial Report – October 2023

Director Juan De Lara provided the motion to approve the agenda. President Ruben Arias provided the second. The motion was approved 3-0.

Arias	Aye	Carian	Aye
Ackley	Absent	De Lara	Aye
Alonzo	Absent		

Vice-President Blaine Carian left meeting at 8:25am.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6-1: Public Records Act Request from Transparent California.

7. REPORTS

7-1: NRCS Report – District Conservationist Tomas Aguilar-Campos was not present.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS –

8-1: Audit for Fiscal Year 2022/23 – Ongoing.

8-2: Clean-up Tire Event – Event is scheduled for November 30th, 2023, pending final approval of College of the Desert to use the Mecca/Thermal Campus.

8-3: District’s sponsorship of soil testing.

8-4: Weather Stations - Item moved above number 5 for discussion.

8-5: CARCD 2023 Annual Conference in Sacramento – set for the second week of December. Director Arias, Ackley, and Alonzo plan to attend.

10. District General Counsel Report and Announcements

Nothing to report.

11. District General Counsel Reports and Announcements – None

12. Date and location of Next District Regular Board Meeting


Date: December 20, 2023

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13. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 AM.

Approved this 19th day of December 2023



Yvonne Franco, District Manager / Secretary