



INLAND EMPIRE

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District Board Meeting

In-Person

Thursday, March 14th, 2024 at 11 AM
2024 Orange Tree Lane
Redlands, CA 92374

25864-K Business Center Drive
Redlands, CA 92374

11160 Highview Drive
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737

Virtual

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Meeting ID: 843 7179 6992

Passcode: 337916

Directors Present: President Rick Gomez; Vice-President Nancy Sappington; Secretary-Treasurer Rod LeMond; Director Brad Buller; Director Lorien Sanders; Director David Friedman; Associate Director Jim Earsom; Associate Director Terrie Andrews

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: District Manager Mandy Parkes; Administrative Programs Lead Jennifer Castillo; Administrative Assistant Valerie Velazquez; Conservation Programs Manager Susie Kirschner; Forestry Programs Lead Melanie Garcia; Sustainable Agriculture Specialist Lucy Ceja; Ed Programs Lead Gaby Preciado; Community Engagement Specialist Crystal Valenzuela; Conservation Educators Shari Tindall and Alma Eichman; LRPPG Site Specialist Lus Gomez; Mitigation Programs Lead Jose Mora

Members of the Public: NRCS District Conservationist Phuong Woolery; IERCD Prospective Associate Director Alicia Gyllenhammer; IERCD Accountant Brad Welebir; IERCD Auditor Brandon Ferrell; Emily Feliciano; Anne Surdzial; Todd Warden; Raymond Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Rick Gomez called the meeting to order at 11:07 PM

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director David Friedman provided the motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Lorien Sanders provided the second. The consent calendar was approved unanimously, 6-o.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Friedman	Aye	Sanders	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Sappington	Aye
LeMond	Aye		

IV. REPORTS

1. Department Reports

Staff provided brief updates on Department Reports.

2. LRPPG Report

Staff provided information on upcoming events scheduled at LRPPG

3. NRCS Report

District Conservationist Phuong Woolery provided updates on NRCS projects and programs.

4. NACD Report

Director Brad Buller provided a report on the annual NACD Conference he attended in San Diego, CA.

5. CARCD Report

President Rick Gomez and Vice-President Nancy Sappington provided updates on the March 7th CARCD Special Meeting and election.

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2022-23 Audited Financial Statements. **Director Brad Buller provided the motion to approve the 2022-23 Audited Financial Statements. Vice-President Nancy Sappington provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-o.**

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Friedman	Aye	Sanders	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Sappington	Aye
LeMond	Aye		

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2024-01 Urban Ag Grant. **Director Brad Buller** provided the motion to approve the **Resolution 2024-01 Urban Ag Grant**. **Vice-President Nancy Sappington** provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Friedman	Aye	Sanders	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Sappington	Aye
LeMond	Aye		

Secretary-Treasurer Rod LeMond left the meeting at 12:59 PM.

3. Discussion and Possible Approval of Addition to IERCD’s Associate Director Program. **Director Brad Buller** provided the motion to approve the **Addition to IERCD’s Associate Director Program** . **Vice-President Nancy Sappington** provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Friedman	Aye	Sanders	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Sappington	Aye
LeMond	Absent		

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Brown Act - District Manager Mandy Parkes** provided an overview of updated **Brown Act** rules.
2. **San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust - Incoming Director Jim Earsom** accepted the role of **IERCD** representative on the **San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust Board of Directors**. No action is needed from the **IERCD** Board to make this change.

3. Form 700s - Admin Programs Lead Jennifer Castillo provided an update on Form 700s.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

VIII. CALENDAR

1. ASBCSD March Dinner
2. Special District Leadership Academy

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. CDFA Urban Ag Grant Agreement

X. ADJOURN MEETING

President Rick Gomez adjourned this meeting at 1:42 PM

Approved this 11th Day of April, 2024

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Rick Gomez

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Rick Gomez, President

Signed by:

Nancy Humenik Sappington

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Nancy Sappington, Vice-President