



INLAND EMPIRE

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of the August 13th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

In-Person

Thursday, August 13th, 2026 at 12 PM
2024 Orange Tree Lane
Redlands, CA 92374

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91745874837?pwd=MdnHdESlsQoNQyhdOMTf4FezDz7Eye.1>

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Directors Present: President Rick Gomez; Vice-President Nancy Humenik Sappington; Secretary-Treasurer Andy Okoro; Director Brad Buller; Director Jim Earsom; Director David Friedman; Associate Director Alicia Gyllenhammer

Directors Absent: Director Lorien Sanders

Staff Present: District Manager Mandy Parkes; Administrative Programs Lead Jennifer Castillo; Administrative Assistant Valerie Velazquez; Education Programs Manager Heidi Ortloff; Education Programs Lead Gaby Preciado; Community Engagement Specialist Crystal Valenzuela; Conservation Educator Alma Eichman; Sustainable Ag Lead Madison Santiago; Forestry Programs Manager Susie Kirschner; Forestry Programs Lead Melanie Garcia; Mitigation Programs Lead Jose Mora

Members of the Public: NRCS District Conservationist Phoung Woolery; South Coast Air Quality Management District Public Affairs Specialist Todd Warden; RAMS Partner Brad Welebir; SBCM Executive Director David Myers; Member of the Public Craig Smith; Member of the Public Dane Helmberger

I. Call to Order

President Rick Gomez called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

South Coast Air Quality Management District Public Affairs Specialist Todd Warden commented on AQMD funding programs

Secretary-Treasurer Andy Okoro arrived at the meeting at 12:06pm

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. August 13th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes of the June 11th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
3. June 2026 Checks and Agreements Report
4. Receive and File 2025-26 Q4 Financial packet
5. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Funding Agreement with the National Forest Foundation - Spanish Broom Removal
6. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Funding Agreement Solid Oak Forestry Consulting
7. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Funding Agreement with National Forest Foundation - Heritage Monitoring
8. Notice of Exemption - Spanish Broom Removal

Director Brad Buller made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Jim Earsom provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-o.

Buller	Aye	Okoro	Aye
Earsom	Aye	Sanders	Absent
Friedman	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye		

IV. PRESENTATION

1. Annual Financial Presentation - Rogers, Anderson, Malody, and Scott (RAMS)
RAMS Partner Brad Welebir presented an overview of IERCD investments as of 6-30-26

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Approval of Resolution 2026-04 Authorizing the California Department of Food and Agriculture - Healthy Soils Program Full Proposal
Director Buller made a motion to approve the Resolution 2026-04 Authorizing the California Department of Food and Agriculture - Healthy Soils Program Full Proposal. Vice-President Nancy Sappington provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-o.

Buller	Aye	Okoro	Aye
Earsom	Aye	Sanders	Absent
Friedman	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye		

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Cooperative Agreement with San Bernardino County - Santa Ana River Trail Phase III

Secretary-Treasurer Andy Okoro made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement with San Bernardino County - Santa Ana River Trail Phase III. Associate Director Alicia Gyllenhammer requested clarification on the development project connected to the restoration agreement. Director Earsom provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-o.

Buller	Aye	Okoro	Aye
Earsom	Aye	Sanders	Absent
Friedman	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye		

3. Discussion and Possible Action on the IERCD 2026-27 Executive Board

Administrative Programs Lead Jennifer Castillo solicited nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary Treasurer, consisting of Rick Gomez nominated for the position of President; Nancy Humenik Sappington for the position of Vice President and Andy Okoro for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. No other nominations were received. Vice-President Humenik Sappington moved to approve the item by acclamation. Director Buller provided the second. The item was approved unanimously, 6-o.

Buller	Aye	Okoro	Aye
Earsom	Aye	Sanders	Absent
Friedman	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye		

4. Discussion and Possible Action on the IERCD 2026-27 Committee List and Membership

Vice-President Humenik Sappington made a motion to accept the Committee list and roster as discussed during the meeting. President Gomez provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-0

Buller	Aye	Okoro	Aye
Earsom	Aye	Sanders	Absent
Friedman	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye		

5. Discussion and Possible Action on the Regular Meeting Location, Day and Time

Director Buller made a motion to retain the Meeting Location, Day, and Time as it stands at 12 PM on the second Thursday of each month, at the San Bernardino County Museum. Vice President Humenik Sappington provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-0.

Buller	Aye	Okoro	Aye
Earsom	Aye	Sanders	Absent
Friedman	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye		

VI. REPORT

1. BBK

There was no additional discussion on the BBK report.

2. Department Reports

Staff presented a recent IERCD-developed outreach video showing the highlights of the Cal Department of Food and Ag - Urban Ag Grant was shown to the Board.

3. LRPPG Report

There was no discussion on the LRPPG Report.

4. Grants Report

There was no discussion on the Grants Reports.

5. CARCD Report

District Manager Mandy Parkes provided brief updates on the CARCD Report.

6. NRCS Report

NRCS District Conservationist Phuong Woolery updated meeting attendees on NRCS Program and projects.

7. NACD Report

There was no discussion on the NACD Report.

8. CSDA Report

District Manager Parkes provided brief updates on the CSDA Report.

9. SBVCT Report

Director Earsom updated the Board on SBVCT activities.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. San Bernardino County Museum Collaboration Opportunities

District Manager Parkes provided an overview of opportunities to collaborate with the San Bernardino County Museum on future exhibits and outreach.

2. Fall Board Tour

There was no additional discussion on the Fall Board Tour.

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

President Gomez commented on the importance of remaining connected with partners including the National Association of Conservation Districts and the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. Vice President Humenik Sappington commented on the importance of trees in urban landscapes as a method of increasing climate resilience.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

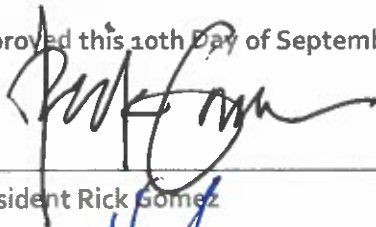
1. Annual IERCD Investment Policy Review

X. CALENDAR

XI. ADJOURN MEETING

President Rick Gomez adjourned the meeting at 2:10.

Approved this 10th Day of September, 2026

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President Rick Gomez

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy Humenik Sappington", written over a horizontal line.

Vice President Nancy Humenik Sappington

