INLAND EMPIRE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of the October 8th 2026 at 12 PM Special Board Meeting
25864 Business Center Drive Suite K
Redlands, CA 92374

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

Directors Absent: Director Lorien Sanders; Associate Director Alicia Gyllenhammer

Staff Present: District Manager Mandy Parkes; Administrative Programs Lead Jen Castillo; Administrative Assistant Valerie Velazquez; Sustainable Ag Lead Madison Santiago; Education Programs Lead Gaby Preciado; Community Engagement Specialist Crystal Valenzuela; Conservation Educator Alma Eichman; Mitigation Lead Jose Mora

Members of the Public: NRCS District Conservationist Phuong Woolery

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Rick Gomez called the meeting to order at 12:06pm

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. October 8th, 2026 Special Board Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes of the September 10th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
3. September 2026 Checks and Agreements Report
4. Discussion and Possible Approval of the CUSP Round 6 Awards - Part II
5. Discussion and Possible Affirmation of the Execution of the Cooperative Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service
6. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Funding Agreement with the Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District

Vice-President Nancy Sappington made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Brad Buller provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

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

Director David Friedman arrived at the meeting at 12:13 PM.

IV. REPORTS

1. BBK

There was no additional discussion on the BBK report

2. Department Reports

There was no additional discussion on Department Reports

3. LRPPG Report

Community Engagement Specialist Crystal Valenzuela updated the Board on plans for the 2026 Fall Festival at LRPPG

4. NRCS Report

There was no additional report on NRCS

5. Admin and Personnel Committee Report

District Manager Mandy Parkes provided a summary of the 10-7-26 Admin and Personnel Committee Meeting

6. Budget and Finance Committee Report

District Manager Parkes and Committee members gave details of the Committee meeting agenda and post-meeting actions

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. 2025-26 Audited Financial Statements Presentation
2. Annual Investment Policy and Resolution Review

VII. CALENDAR

District Manager Parkes updated meeting attendees on the October 19th ASBCSD Dinner and future committee meetings

ADJOURN MEETING

President Rick Gomez adjourned the meeting at 1:04 pm

Approved this 12th day of November, 2026

President Rick Gomez

Vice President Nancy Humenik Sappington