



INLAND EMPIRE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District Special Board Meeting

Thursday, October 14th, 2021, at 12 PM
2024 Orange Tree Lane
Redlands, CA 92374

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Meeting ID: 84923664017
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Dial-In: 1-669-900-6833

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

Directors Absent: Vice-President Paul Williams; Director Patricia Reed; Associate Director AnaLisa Campos

Staff Present: District Manager Mandy Parkes; Administrative Programs Lead Jennifer Castillo; Education Programs Manager Crystal Cortez; Community Engagement Specialist Crystal Valenzuela; Conservation Programs Manager Susie Kirschner; Sustainable Agriculture Specialist Lucia Ceja

Members of the Public: District Conservationist Tomas Aguilar-Campos; Acting District Conservationist Elizabeth Bickham

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Earsom at 12:05 PM

II. PUBLIC INPUT

1. **There was no public input.**

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Secretary-Treasurer Rod LeMond provided the motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Rick Gomez provided the second. The consent calendar was approved 4-1-0 with Director Brad Buller Abstaining.

Buller	Abstain	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

IV. REPORTS

1. BB&K Billing Report

There was no discussion on the BB&K billing report

2. Department Reports

Sustainable Agriculture Lead provided a brief introduction of herself and her work at the IERCD to the BOD. Other staff provided brief updates to October 2021 Department Reports.

3. NRCS Update

NRCS District Conservationist Tomas Aguilar-Campos provided regional NRCS staffing and outreach updates.

4. IERCD Grants Report – September 2021

There was no discussion on the IERCD Grants Report – September 2021.

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program Grant Agreement and Finding the Agreement Exempt from Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 and 15308

Director Buller provided the motion to approve Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program Grant Agreement and Finding the Agreement Exempt from Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 and 15308. Director Gomez provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

2. Discussion and possible approval of Professional Services Agreement with Claremont Environmental Design Group

Director Buller provided the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Claremont Environmental Design Group provided District Manager Parkes consult legal counsel BB&K and confirm contract compliance with RCD legal requirements and policy before execution of the contract. Director Rick Gomez provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

3. Discussion and possible approval of Professional Services Agreement with Rogers, Anderson, Malody, and Scott (RAMS)
Secretary-Treasurer LeMond provided the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Rogers, Anderson, Malody and, Scott. Director Buller provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

4. Discussion and possible Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Mikael Romich
Director Buller provided the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Mikael Romich. Secretary-Treasurer LeMond provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

5. Discussion and possible approval of Board Position on LRPPG and Resolution 2021-03
Secretary-Treasurer LeMond made a motion to approve Board Position on LRPPG and Resolution 2021-03. Director Buller provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

6. Discussion and possible Affirmation of Execution of the United States Forest Service Permit for Restricted Area Access
Director Gomez provided the motion to affirm the Execution of the United States Forest Service Permit for Restricted Area Access. Secretary-Treasurer provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

7. Discussion and possible approval of Agreement with Chaffey College
Director Buller provided the motion to approve the Agreement with Chaffey College. Director Gomez provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

8. Discussion and possible approval of AB 361 Findings via Resolution 2021
Director Buller provided the motion to approve AB 361 Findings via Resolution 2021. Secretary-Treasurer LeMond provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

9. Discussion and possible approval of Professional Services Agreement with Thom Finni Consulting
Secretary-Treasurer LeMond provided the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Thom Finni Consulting. Director Gomez provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

10. Discussion and possible approval of Cancellation of November’s Regular Board Meeting and Calling a Special Meeting
No action was taken on this item

11. Discussion and possible approval of CARCD 2021 Delegate
Director Buller provided the motion to nominate Director Rick Gomez to serve as the CARCD Delegate at the 2021 annual conference. Director Sappington provided the second. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Reed	Absent
Earsom	Aye	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye	Williams	Absent
LeMond	Aye		

VI. GENERAL DISCUSSION FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

1. Policy Revisions – Purchasing and Signature Authority
2. IERCD Special Board Meeting Location Update

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Rivers and Lands Conservancy Letter

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ASBCSD 10-18-21 DINNER FLYER

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Purchasing and Signature Authority Updates

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURN MEETING

President Jim Earsom adjourned this meeting at 1:16 PM

Approved this 11th day of November, 2021

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James Earsom

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James Earsom, President

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Rod LeMond

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Rod LeMond, Secretary-Treasurer