



Minutes of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District Board Meeting

In-Person

Thursday, February 9th, 2023 at 12 PM
2024 Orange Tree Lane
Redlands, CA 92374

Virtual Meeting Link:

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Meeting ID: 819 0364 4630

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Directors Present: President Rick Gomez; Vice-President Nancy Sappington; Director Brad Buller; Director David Friedman; Director Lorien Sanders; Associate Director Terrie Andrews

Directors Absent: Secretary-Treasurer Rod LeMond; Associate Director AnaLisa Viramontes

Staff Present: District Manager Mandy Parkes; Administrative Programs Lead Jennifer Castillo; Administrative Assistant Valerie Velazquez; Mitigation Programs Lead Jose Mora; Conservation Programs Manager Susie Kirschner; Forestry Program Lead Liz Avalon; Sustainable Agriculture Specialist Lucy Ceja; Education Programs Manager Crystal Cortez; Education Programs Lead Gaby Preciado; Conservation Educator/NRCS Farm Bill Assistant Alma Eichman; Community Engagement Specialist Crystal Valenzuela; Conservation Educator Shari Tindall, Nursery Programs Technician Taylor Hollman

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Rick Gomez called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice-President Nancy Sappington provided the motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Brad Buller provided the second. The consent calendar was approved unanimously, 4-0.

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

Director David Friedman arrived at 12:16PM

IV. REPORTS

1. BB&K Report

There was no discussion on the BB&K billing report.

2. Staff Reports

Education Program Manager Crystal Cortez presented her PowerPoint from the annual Santa Ana River Science Symposium on ongoing development of IERCD outdoor education programs.

3. LRPPG Report

There was discussion on the LRPPG Report.

4. NRCS Report

Area IV Assistant State Conservationist Curtis Tarver and Redlands Field Office District Conservationist Phuong Woolery both provided NRCS updates to meeting attendees.

5. CARCD Report

President Rick Gomez provided an update on changes in CARCD leadership.

6. NACD Report

President Gomez provided an update on the upcoming NACD conference and benefits of membership.

Director Sanders left the meeting at 12:44 PM

V. Closed Session

Closed Session: President Gomez adjourned to closed session at 12:43 PM. The Board returned to open the session at 1:44 PM. There was nothing to report out of the closed session.

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of 2022-2023 Mid-Year Budget Revisions.

Director Brad Buller provided the motion to approve the 2022-2023 Mid-Year Budget Revisions. Vice President Nancy Sappington provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

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

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revised Funding Agreement with the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council. Director Brad Buller provided the motion to approve the Revised Funding Agreement with the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council. Vice President Nancy Sappington provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

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

3. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Second Amendment to the Conservation Services Agreement with the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

Director Brad Buller provided the motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Conservation Services Agreement with the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District. Vice President Nancy Sappington provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

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

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Member Appointment to the San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust.

Vice President Nancy Sappington made a motion to appoint Director Brad Buller as the representative to the SBVCT board, and Nancy as the alternate. Director David Friedman provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

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

VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

1. **IERCD Office Space**

Staff will work with Director Friedman on next steps for IERCD lease

2. **Form 700**

Staff provided updates on Form 700 due dates

3. **Updated Brown Act Guidance**

Board members were provided with Brown Act updates

4. **Quarterly Strategic Plan Report**

This was tabled to the March 2023 meeting

VIII. CALENDAR

1. **CSDA Annual Training Calendar**

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Board Member comments.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Ontario**

2. **Funding Agreement with the City of Yucaipa**

XI. ADJOURN MEETING

President Rick Gomez adjourned this meeting at 2:01 PM

Approved this 13th Day of April, 2023

Rick Gomez

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Rick Gomez, President

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Nancy Sappington, Vice-President