



INLAND EMPIRE

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District Board Meeting

In-Person

Thursday, December 5th, 2024 at 12 PM
2024 Orange Tree Lane
Redlands, CA 92374

Meeting Link:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82280864662?pwd=VG5mGb3J2VndMnsF8L6DztlCvJp5vF.1>

Meeting ID: 822 8086 4662

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

Directors Absent: Director Lorien Sanders; Associate Director Terrie Andrews; Associate Director Alicia Gyllenhammer

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 Ag Lead Madison Santiago; Forester II Adrian Poloni; Forestry Programs Specialist Kayla Thompson; Forest Ecologist Jocelyn Perez; NACD Conservation Planner Malu Huerta; Sustainable Agriculture Specialist Lucy Ceja; Mitigation Programs Lead Jose Mora; Field Ecologist Kevin Harrington; Field Ecologist Kevin Hernandez; Field Ecologist Omar Pena; Nursery Programs Specialist Sam Nielsen; Restoration Technician I Miguel Aispuro; Restoration Technician I Anthony Palafox; Restoration Technician I Adrian Rios; Forestry Technician/Restoration Technician I Lili Orteg; Education Programs Lead Gaby Preciado; Community Engagement Specialist Crystal Valenzuela; Conservation Educator Shari Tindall

Members of the Public: NRCS District Conservation Phuong Woolery; NRCS Engineer Cecila Arellano Ibarra; NRCS Soil Conservationist Victor Mojarro; NRCS Wildlife Biologist Rachel Smith; Claremont Environmental Design Group Erik Petersen

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Rick Gomez called the meeting to order at 12:13 PM

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. December 5th, 2024 Special Board Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes of the November 14th Board Meeting
3. November 2024 Checks and Agreements Report
4. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Modification of Grant Agreement 23-DG-11052021-206 with the USFS/Attachment B

Director Brad Buller called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar . Director Brad Buller provided the first and Director Jim Earsom provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-0.

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

IV. WORKSHOP

1. Louis Rodidoux Parkland and Pecan Grove Workshop

District Manager Mandy Parkes and Erik Petersen, Claremont Environmental Design Group Principal Architect, presented on the history of LRPPG, updates and projects coming in 2025.

Secretary-Treasurer Rod LeMond left the meeting at 1:16pm.

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Tanner Environmental Services.

Director Jim Earsom made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Tanner Environmental Services . Director Brad Buller provided the second. The Agreement was approved unanimously, 5-0.

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

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Grant Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Director Jim Earsom made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Director David Friedman provided the second. The Agreement was approved unanimously, 5-0.

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

V. REPORTS

1. **BBK Report**

There was no discussion on the BBK Report.

2. **Department Reports**

Staff provided brief updates on staff Reports.

3. **LRPPG Report**

There was no discussion on the LRPPG Report.

4. **NRCS Report**

NRCS District Conservationist Phoung Woolery provided an update on NRCS operations.

5. **NACD Report**

President Rick Gomez provided an update on NACD's upcoming region meetings.

6. **CARCD Report**

President Rick Gomez provided an update on the process underway to update CARCD's Bylaws and policies.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Agreement for Gold Spotted Oak Borer Work with the National Forest Foundation**

District Manager Mandy Parkes provided an overview of anticipated funding from the National Forestry Foundation (NFF) to pay for District work on GSOB monitoring and mapping, and on the agreement to cover this work.

2. **2025 IERCD Proposed Board Calendar**

District Manager Mandy Parkes presented the in-progress Board Calendar with upcoming training and conference dates.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Members commented on appreciation for the entire IERCD staff and increase in scope and scale of work in recent years.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. IERCD Ag Program Overview
2. Annual Audited Financial Statements
3. Mid-Year Budget Revisions

IX. CALENDAR

X. ADJOURN MEETING

President Rick Gomez adjourned this meeting at 1:56 PM

Approved this 9th day of January, 2025

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Rick Gomez, President

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Nancy Humenik Sappington

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Nancy Sappington, Vice-President