



INLAND EMPIRE

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District Board Meeting

In-Person

Thursday, November 9th, 2023 at 12 PM
25864 Business Center Drive Suite K
Redlands CA 92374

Meeting Link

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Directors Present: President Rick Gomez; Director Brad Buller; Director Lorien Sanders; Director David Friedman; Associate Director Jim Earsom

Directors Absent: Vice-President Nancy Sappington; Secretary-Treasurer Rod LeMond; Director Tricia Reed; Associate Director Terrie Andrews

Staff Present: District Manager Mandy Parkes; Administrative Programs Lead Jennifer Castillo; Conservation Programs Manager Susie Kirschner; Ed Programs Lead Gaby Preciado; Conservation Educator Shari Tindall; Community Engagement Specialist Crystal Valenzuela; Mitigation Programs Lead Jose Mora

Members of the Public: NRCS Acting District Conservationist Katy Lam; SoCal Soil and Water Hub Coordinator Rachel Pettit

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Brad Buller provided the motion to approve the consent calendar. Director David Friedman provided the second. The consent calendar was approved unanimously, 4-0.

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

V. REPORTS

1. Department Report

Staff provided brief updates on Department Reports.

2. LRPPG Report

District Manager Mandy Parkes provided an update on activities at the Louis Robidoux Parkland and Pecan Grove (LRPPG)

3. NRCS Report

NRCS Acting District Conservationist Katy Lam gave an update on NRCS operations.

4. NACD Report

President Rick Gomez provided an update on NACD activities including their upcoming annual conference in February 2024.

5. CARCD Report

President Gomez and District Manager Parkes provided updates on the October 30th SoCal Inland Region Meeting and the December 2023 CARCD Conference.

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

Director Brad Buller provided the motion to approve the 3rd Amendment to the Conservation Services Agreement with the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District. Director Lorien Sanders provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

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

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Funding Agreement with the National Forest Foundation.

Director Lorien Sanders provided the motion to approve the Funding Agreement with the National Forest Foundation. Director Brad Buller provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

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

3. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Funding Agreement with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. **Director Brad Buller provided the motion to approve the Funding Agreement with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. Director Lorien Sanders provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.**

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

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2023 IERCD Delegates to CARCD. **Director David Friedman provided the motion to approve Rick Gomez as IERCD’s CARCD Conference Delegate and Nancy Sappington as the alternate delegate. Director Brad Buller provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.**

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

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. LRPPG Updates

District Manager Parkes outlined major areas of work at LRPPG, focusing on progress from fall 2020 to present day. Ms. Parkes also provided highlights of next steps at LRPPG for uplift of site and increase in programming consistent with proposed scope of work on the property.

2. Policy and Investments Updates

Ms. Parkes updated the Board on progress of the Budget and Finance Committee to consider these items, including agendizing following the next Budget and Finance Committee Meeting.

Director Sanders left the meeting at 1:02 PM.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Members commented on areas of expertise on the current Board and options for pursuing gaps in these areas via continuing to focus on recruitment and support of IERCD's Associate Directors. Staff commented on the need to update director recruitment and training materials and commitment to do so prior to the December 7th Special Board Meeting.

VIII. CALENDAR

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. 2023-24 Mids-Year Budget Revisions

X. ADJOURN MEETING

President Rick Gomez adjourned the meeting at 1:16 PM

Approved this 7th Day of December, 2023

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Rick Gomez, President

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Lorien Sanders, Director