

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRANQUILLITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
January 12, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Tranquillity Resource Conservation District (TRCD) met in the McMullin Area Sustain Groundwater Sustainability Agency Conference Room for a live and in-person meeting and via MS Teams meeting protocols, on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 3:01 P.M.

Jerry Radinoff, Chair presided, and Steve Haze kept the Minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President Jerry Radinoff at 3:01 P.M. at the District Office 275 So. Madera Avenue, Suite 301, Kerman and via MS Teams remote access and a quorum was declared.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Jerry Radinoff, Steve Shehadey, Matt Hurley, Patrick Abercrombie, and Anthony Borges.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Haze Executive Director and Erwin Duenas, NRCS District Conservationist

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

- 1) **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Motion – MH and second by PA. Passed unanimously.
- 2) **Review and Approval of draft Minutes from November 10, 2025 (No meeting in December 2025)** – Motion: MH and second by AB. Passed unanimously.
- 3) **CARCD Board Elections, Bylaws and Resolutions:**
 - a. **Officers** – Motion by AB to adopt as proposed and second by PA. Passed with four Yeas and one Abstention (Hurley):
 - i. **Gomez – President**
 - ii. **Brodrick – Vice President**
 - iii. **Hurley – Treasurer**
 - b. **Resolutions** – Motion to adopt as recommended by Policy Committee by AB and second by PA. Passed unanimously.
 - c. **Bylaws** – Motion to adopt as proposed by PA and second by AB. Passed unanimously.
- 4) **Streamline Accessibility for Website** – Motion made to add DocAccess by SS and second by MH. Passed unanimously.
- 5) **Potential Line of Credit** – Deferred for later discussion.

6) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) General – Outreach and District Development effort

- I. **Website Activity** – December pageviews was 11,873 and average 7,613.
- II. **Small Farms Network 1st Conference** – This was held at the Kearney Center with 100-plus attendees.
- III. **CARCD – Water, Land & Soils and Policy Committees** – The ED is Chair of the Water Committee and has held over six meetings focused on DWR's CA Water Plan Update 2028.
- IV. **CARCD – ARC (Agricultural Resiliency and Climate)** – Nothing significant to report.
- V. **Fresno County Public Works & Planning and CA Conservation Corps** – Nothing significant to report.
- VI. **Fresno County Public Works & Planning – Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning:** Consultant selected. Nothing significant to report.
- VII. **TAP – Technical Assistance Provider training with scholarships** – Jeevan Singh is now a Certified TAP. Jimena Quezada is under a scholarship and trying to get Alexis Valadez one as well.
- VIII. **Partnership Opportunities** – BEAM Circular, SEEN, F3-Local, Soil Health Institute and others. Nothing significant to report.
- IX. **Outreach to other RCD and Others in SJV Region** – Both, the fourth NRCS Fresno County Local Working Group and SJV Regional meetings are scheduled for February 25th at the Kerman Community Center.
- X. **Fresno COG** – ED continues participation for the development of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan – CCAP and Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) development.

b) Financial Reports – 2025/26 Year-To-Date Income and Expenses Reports:

- Community West Bank Account Balance - \$16,720.51 including remainder of advance from SGC.
- Total Grants in progress - \$261,109.00
- Accounts Receivables - \$22,025.19
- Accounts Payable - \$16,140.00
- AR versus AP Balance – \$5885.19

TRCD's Funded Programs Report, Activities List with potential funding amounts, and CWB Account Transactions from June 2025 for new fiscal year to Current were provided.

c) Funding – Grant Development, Submission and/or Active

- I. **NACD-NRCS** – Submitted a \$117K one-year Technical Assistance proposal that provides 1/3 FTE of four TAPs. We should know in April if it is awarded.
- II. **Sustainable Lands Initiative (SLI) framework** – Jeevan continues to work on Carbon Farm Plans for Rancho de Rodney (non-profit program), AAFC Demonstration Farm, Smith Family Farm and Farm of the Future.
- III. **Los Gatos Creek Rangeland & Grazing CARCD and NRCS** – This was not funded.
- IV. **Mobile Irrigation Systems Testing and Healthy Soils** – Nothing significant to report.
- V. **CARCD -- California Water Resilience Initiative (CWRI) Private Sector Funding** – Sent email inquiry and no response to-date.
- VI. **NRCS – Conservation Cooperative Agreement** – The 4th Local Working Group (LWG) meeting is scheduled for February 25th at the Kerman Community Center.
- VII. **Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program** – We requested a one-year extension to May of 2027. Planning for Farm of the Future tour soon and will need to plan for tour of Bar20 Ranch as well.

d) SJV Natural Resources Hub – Nothing significant to report.

e) NRCS Update – Erwin gave an update of 450 Equip Applications received to-date and expects five hundred total by 1/15 Batch 1 deadline. Discussed whether funding for WaterSMART is available and what the \$700 million for Regen Ag will look like in California.

f) District Carbon Management Plan – This is still evolving. Our first-hand CFP experience will provide the drafting of what that may look like in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:57 P.M. to the next Regular Meeting on December 8, 2025, 3:00 P.M., Boardroom of the Agency or as otherwise directed by the Board.