

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRANQUILLITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
November 10, 2025**

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, November 10, 2025, 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. due to harvesting commitments.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Haze Executive Director

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Review and Approval of Agenda: Motion – PA and second by MH. Passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of draft Minutes from August 11, 2025 – Motion: SS and second by PA. Passed unanimously.

Appointment of Delegate for CARCD Annual Business Meeting – Motion by PA to appoint Matt Hurley and second by SS. Passed unanimously.

Potential Line of Credit – Motioned by MH to approve ED to explore viability and second by SS. Passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) **General – Outreach and District Development effort**

- I. **Federal Government Furlough** – There has not been any communications since October 1st.
- II. **Website Activity** – Average monthly pageviews were at 7,131
- III. **Small Farms Conference** – Held at CSU Fresno 9/25-27. ED participated in an RCD Roundtable with CARCD
- IV. **Reedley College Ag Conference** – ED attended o 10/9 and found it to be informative and outreach opportunity
- V. **Biochar Demonstration Day** – was held on an almond farm on 10/21 hosted by the Madera-Chowchilla RCD, American Farmland Trust and UC Merced
- VI. **Soil Health Institute** – Conducted sampling on 10/28 of various sites at the Bar 20 Ranch as part of their San Joaquin Valley project.
- VII. **CSU Fresno AgTech Day** – This was held on 10/31 with a number of field demonstrations of emerging technologies.

- VIII. **CA Circular Bioeconomy Summit** – This was held on 11/5-11/6 and ED participated in a Policy Recommendations Planning session to be presented to the state for the future Governor
- IX. **Small Farms Network 1st Conference** – The conference will be held on 11/11 at the Kearney Center
- X. **CARCD – Water, Land & Soils and Policy Committees** – The ED is Chair of the Water Committee and has participated as a member of the other two committees
- XI. **CARCD – RAPR (Regional Agricultural Partnership for Resilience)** – ED participated for the first time. Being led by the Carbon Cycle Institute. Apparently for messaging to the Secretary of the CA Natural Resources Agency and others on funding of RCDs on a regional basis
- XII. **Fresno County Public Works & Planning and CA Conservation Corps** – Dumping on Ag Lands Clean-up: Still taking it one step at a time and what the funding potential is with the CCC under Prop 4
- XIII. **Fresno County Public Works & Planning – Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning:** Tranquillity teamed with Stantec to be involved in community outreach and engagement. Proposal submitted and awaiting outcome
- XIV. **TAP – Technical Assistance Provider training with scholarships** – Jeevan Singh has completed all his course requirements and awaiting confirmation that he is a Certified TAP. Jimena Quezada is taking the courses under a scholarship as well.
- XV. **Partnership Opportunities** – BEAM Circular, SEEN, F3-Local, Soil Health Institute and others. As reported above, the ED participated in at least 10 outreach and engagement convenings as opportunities for the RCD continue its district development goals and objectives.
- XVI. **Outreach to other RCD and Others in Area 9** – Continuing working with Matt on having a SJV Regional meeting that includes elections of officers.
- XVII. **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 - \$24,599.18 including remainder of advance from SGC.
 - Total Grants in progress - \$261,109
 - Accounts Receivables - \$28233.16
 - Accounts Payable - \$13,686
 - AR versus AP Balance – \$14,547.16
- 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. **Sustainable Lands Initiative (SLI) framework** – Jeevan the district's first-ever Carbon Farm for Fresno Metro Ministries' Yo'Ville Community Gardens and small farm and was approved on October 10th. He is now working on three others: Rancho de Rodney (non-profit program), AAFC Demonstration Farm and Smith Family Farm. District can now do a minimum of seven CFP plans including using funds provided by CARCD.
 - II. **Los Gatos Creek Rangeland & Grazing CARCD and NRCS** – Part of block grant submission with CARCD – still awaiting outcome, decision in December. This would be working with Hana Environmental Resources under Teaming Agreement.
 - III. **Mobile Irrigation Systems Testing and Healthy Soils** – Conferred with Almond Board of California on potential of funding.
 - IV. **CARCD -- California Water Resilience Initiative (CWRI) Private Sector Funding** – Sent email inquiry and no response as of yet (Pacific Institute hopes to have an agreement under CWRI in place with Netafim in the Fall timeframe. Will continue to keep in touch).
 - V. **NRCS – Conservation Cooperative Agreement** – Have started looking at the 4th Local Working Group (LWG) meeting. Awaiting the end of the federal shutdown.
 - VI. **Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program** – \$50 stipends were sent out to those who have agreed to participate as community representatives. Still need to plan for tour of Farm of the Future and Bar20 Ranch. Conferring with SGC on adjusting approach at community level.

- d) **SJV Natural Resources Hub** – As previously reported, Alexandria Miranda, ESRC term as Coordinator will end at the end of the year. TRCD continues to support the purpose and intent of Hub and engaged in Strategic Plan development.
- e) **NRCS Update** – The Fresno County District Office is closed
- f) **District Carbon Management Plan** – This is still in the wings. Our first-hand experience will provide the drafting of what that may look like in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:42 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.

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