

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRANQUILLITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
July 14, 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, July 14, 2025, at 3:06 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 3:06 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 and Anthony Borges. Absent: Patrick Abercrombie and Matt Hurley

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Haze Executive Director

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Review and Approval of Agenda: Motion – SS and second by AB. Passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of draft Minutes from May 12, 2025 (No meeting on June 9th) – Motion: AB and second by SS. Passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) General – Outreach and District Development effort

- I. The ED has been appointed as a member of CARCD's Land and Soils Committee, Policy Committee and as the chair of the Water Committee. ED will keep the Board informed on an on-going basis.
- II. Fresno County Public Works & Planning and CA Conservation Corps – Dumping on Ag Lands Clean-up: Received letter from County to defer to TRCD. Met with CalRecycle. Cost per site estimated now at \$90K plus. They provided a document for right to clean-up with landowners not bearing responsibility. One step at a time.
- III. Fresno County Public Works & Planning – Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning: Tranquillity invited to participate with Stantec who is submitting a proposal. Would be involved in community outreach and engagement.
- IV. **TAP** – Technical Assistance Provider training with scholarships. Jeevan Singh is still participating as classes are available. Target for completing certification remains in the Fall.
- V. **BEAM Circular and Biocatalyst:** Innovation & Industry Exchange – Participated on 5/22. TRCD became member of their CBIO Collaborative. Connected with representative from Plug & Play and invited to two

of their convenings the week of June 10th on the biocircular economy, sustainability, Agtech, supply-chain and role of AI.

- VI. **UC Merced** – Partnership Opportunities, SEEN, F3 and other programs. On 6/26, the ED participated in the ANR-VINE Connect Field Day at the West Side Research and Extension Center. ED will try to get better acquainted with them.
 - VII. **Outreach to other RCD and Others in Area 9** – ED continues to engage in this effort.
 - VIII. **Fresno COG** – ED continues participation for the development of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan – CCAP and Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) development.
- b) **Financial Reports** – 2024/25 and 2025/26 Year To Date Income and Expenses Reports:
- I. **2025/26 Draft Budget Review and Approval** – After review, motioned – SS and 2nd AB – passed unanimously.
 - Community West Bank Account Balance - \$46,953.60 including remainder of advance from SGC.
 - Total Grants in progress - \$284,929
 - Accounts Receivables - \$17,597.77
 - Accounts Payable - \$21,605.40
 - AR versus AP Balance – (\$4,007.63)TRCD’s Funded Programs Report, Activities List with potential funding amounts, and CWB Account Transactions from January 2024 to Current were provided.
- c) **Funding – Grant Development, Submission and/or Active**
- I. **Sustainable Lands Initiative (SLI) framework** – MOU executed with Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD. Jeevan will be involved with the development of two Carbon Farm Plans. He conducted his site visit at Yo’Ville Community Gardens and small farm center on July 1st.
 - II. **Mobile Irrigation Systems Testing** – Prop 4 monies include SWEEP and Healthy Soils – will be tracking.
 - III. **CARCD -- California Water Resilience Initiative (CWRI) Private Sector Funding** – Pacific Institute hopes to have an agreement under CWRI in place with Netafim in the Fall timeframe. Will continue to keep in touch.
 - IV. **NRCS – Conservation Cooperative Agreement** – Local Working Group (LWG) third meeting is scheduled to occur on August 6th. This will be held again at the Woodward Park Public Library in Fresno. Agenda is being finalized with the NRCS.
 - V. **Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program** – Beginning to follow-up with community participants will be planning for tour of Farm of the Future and Bar20 Ranch.
- d) **SJV Natural Resources Hub** – Alexandria Miranda, CCI Regional Coordinator not available. Will be starting to be part-time through the remainder of the year. Now she is ED for East Stanislaus RCD. TRCD continues to support the Hub and engaged in Strategic Plan development.
- e) **NRCS Update** – Erwin Duenas, District Conservationist is on annual leave until July 30th. Ana still detailed with them.
- f) **District Carbon Management Plan** – This is being approached based upon working with the Carbon Cycle Institute, TAP training, and now with potential benefits coming from the Sustainable Lands Initiative (SLI) and their Carbon Farm Planning program that TRCD will use as a working model and for evaluation by Jeevan Singh.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:12 P.M. to the next Regular Meeting on September 8, 2025, 3:00 P.M., Boardroom of the Agency or as otherwise directed by the Board.