

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TRANQUILLITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 15th, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting postponed and re-scheduled from June 8th was called to order by the Chair Jerry Radinoff at 3:10 P.M. District Office 275 So. Madera Avenue, Suite 301, Kerman and via Zoom meeting protocols.

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

POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTERESTS: None were declared

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Haze, Executive Director and Uyen Lien, NRCS Fresno County District Conservationist Field Office

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments presented

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The following were presented for recommendation and/or informational to the Board for consideration/action:

1. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** M -MH and 2nd – PA, Passed unanimously
2. **Review and Approval of draft Minutes:** April 13, 2026 – M-MH and 2nd – PA, Passed unanimously. May 11, 2026, was informational only due to a lack of a quorum.
3. **Loan from CARCD:** Discussion occurred regarding securing a zero percent loan against receivables in the amount of \$35,000 to be paid back within nine months. M – PA and 2nd – AB. Vote was four Ayes, zero Nos and one Abstention (Matt Hurley)
4. **Board Reappointments** – J. Radinoff and M. Hurley: Everything has been completed as required and should be on the Fresno County Board of Supervisors agenda in November or December at the latest.
5. **NRCS Update** – Uyen Lien gave an update on behalf of Erwin Duenas, Fresno County District Conservationist. Approximately 50% of the site visits have been conducted for current clients. Dannamarie Acevedo is now fully engaged with Tranquillity in support of the Field Office. It was mentioned about the upcoming Local Working Group meeting on Tuesday, June 30th.
6. **Executive Director's Report**
 - a) **General – Operations, District Development and Outreach**
 - I. **Website Activity** in May spiked to 54,519 page views. This is thought to be an anomaly and will be watched. The average monthly pageviews is 10,932 per month average.
 - II. **CARCD – Water, Land & Soils, and Policy Committees** – The two committees have now been combined by CARCD's Board and Steve remains as the Chair. Focus has been on the CA Water Plan Update 2028 in which the ED participated in Kick-off held 5/13 & 14th in Sacramento.
 - III. **AWRCOS (Adaptive Water Resilience & Climate Operations in the Southwest)** – This opportunity for Tranquillity kicked off on 5/27 and there will be a follow-up on how to integrate their efforts under the Strategic Growth Council grant.

- IV. **Fresno County Public Works & Planning – CalRecycle Dumping on Ag Lands clean-up:** Round 91 Applications are due on 7/8. Will see if feasible. If not, Round 92 is in October.
 - V. **TRCD as a Technical Service Provider (TSP) and Team of TAPs (Technical Assistance Provider)** – Three Scholarships so far have been awarded for Dannamarie, Jimena and Alexis.
 - VI. **USDA’s “Great American Cotton Plan” and “Make America Healthy Again”:** Still tracking what the opportunities may be.
 - VII. **Partnership Opportunities – BEAM Circular, UC Merced, F3-Local/Innovate, Soil Health Institute, BovControl – Client Relationship Management – CRM Partnership:** Still working on opportunities to partner including with UC Merced’s Renewal Energy representative
 - VIII. **Fresno COG:** RTP Roundtable and the Sustainable Communities Strategy working group have completed their review and will be taking to the Roundtable for adoption later this month.
- b) **Financial Report – 2025/26 Year To-Date**
- I. **Draft Budget** – The draft budget for 2026/27 which goes into effect on July 1st was discussed by the Board. M – MH and 2nd – PA. Passed unanimously.
 - II. **Annual Audit** – The ED shared that the financials are still manageable enough internally with monthly review and accountability to the Board and there is still no cost justification (\$6,000 or more) for an outside auditing firm. There are mechanisms and safeguards in which to keep the finances open and transparent – as well as audit trails through the district’s electronic banking system. However, the ED will continue to keep the Board apprised if a need is warranted that triggers an outside auditing firm to be enlisted.
- c) **Funding – Grant Development, Submission and/or Active**
- I. **NRCS Emergency funding through 2027** – An update was provided regarding this being in place to cover most of the costs associated with the independent contractors that have been placed with NRCS to provide technical assistance
 - II. **Prop 4:** The concept proposals for Healthy Soils and SWEEP funding opportunities were submitted 5/14
 - III. **SGC-TCC** – The tour of Bar20 Ranch on June 29th will be by a small transit bus and it is expected that there will be representatives from the Strategic Growth Council participating.
 - IV. **SGC-TCC Round 6 Funding** – Tranquillity has been encouraged to look at the potential to submit a project development proposal. We are looking at UC Merced as partner. This would be based upon a bioenergy operation utilizing woody biomass (Whole orchard recycling and use of almond shells) and the potential for an Ag travel plaza
 - V. **NACD-NRCS** – We still have not heard back about our Technical Assistance Capacity Development Grant
 - VI. **Los Gatos Creek Rangeland & Grazing** – Continuing to work Helix and perform outreach to BLM
 - VII. **Mobile Irrigation Systems Testing – SWEEP (ABC):** We have the potential to bring on an individual who has over two years of experience in DU and Irrigation testing formerly with the Northwest Kern RCD.
 - VIII. **NRCS – Conservation Cooperative Agreement – Local Working Group (LWG)** – The 5th LWG meeting I scheduled for Tuesday, June 30th. Looking at Clovis Veterans Memorial District facilities as the location.
- d) **CARCD - SJV Region as replacement hub** – No update to report
- e) **Carbon Management Program** – This is developing much further than originally imagined. We now have one Carbon Farm Plan (CFP) TAP (Technical Assistance Provider) with Jeevan Singh; Three TAs going through the TAP Certification Program at CSU Chico’s Center for Regenerative Agriculture and Resilient Systems (CRARS) and the former Managing Director for the Carbon Cycle Institute (CCI). In addition, two CFPs have been fully developed and two more are nearly completed.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment was declared at 4:58 PM by the Chair to the next Regular Meeting on July 13, 2026, 3:00 P.M., Boardroom of the Agency or as otherwise directed by the Board.