

AGENDA
Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 4:00 PM

This meeting will be held in-person and via teleconference at:

Truax Building
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor
Temecula, CA 92590

To view and participate via Teams:

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Mission Statement: The TEAM RCD promotes conservation practices of natural resources, opportunities for public education and participation, and a sustainable quality of life for communities within the District.

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

3. Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject not identified on this Agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District. If you wish to address the Board on a matter not on the agenda, please fill in a pink Speaker Request form and give it to the Board Secretary. If you wish to speak to a matter on the Agenda, please fill in a green Speaker Request Form. If participating remotely, please indicate when asked if there are any agenda items you wish to address. When the Board President calls your name, please begin by giving your name for the record. Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to address the Board. Please note that for items not listed on the agenda, the Brown Act imposes limitations on what the Board may do at this time. The Board may not take action on the item at this meeting.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of August 13, 2026

2. Approve current bills and reimbursements:

- Expenses
- Bills to be paid or reimbursements
- Accounts Receivable
- Monthly Financial Reports for the period ending August 31, 2026

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Understanding – The Nature Conservancy – I-15 Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing Planning Project

Background: The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and TEAM RCD have collaborated throughout the development and early implementation of the I-15 Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing Planning Project. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been prepared to formalize this partnership. The MOU establishes the mutual objectives, responsibilities, and terms of collaboration between the two organizations in furtherance of the Project. Under the MOU, TNC will contribute a total of \$210,000 toward the Project through in-kind match funds, consisting of TNC staff time for project management, coordination, and development of a monitoring and management plan, and, at TNC's sole discretion, direct payment of contractors. TEAM RCD will be responsible for project management and grant administration, advancing the project through the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase and into 65% engineering design. The MOU has a term through July 12, 2029. It is non-binding as to legal obligations, does not transfer funds between parties, and may be terminated by either party with 30 days written notice. TNC has executed the MOU as of September 3, 2026.

Fiscal Impact: No direct fiscal impact. TNC's \$210,000 contribution serves as in-kind match for the WCB grant and does not obligate the transfer of funds between parties. All TEAM RCD project activities are funded through WCB Grant Agreement No. WC-2593DC.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Authorize the District Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with The Nature Conservancy for the I-15 Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing Planning Project.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-01 – Amended Conflict of Interest Code

Background: The Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code §81000 et seq.) requires all public agencies to adopt and maintain a conflict of interest code. TEAM RCD's current Code was last amended on May 14, 2020. The FPPC's 2026 Biennial Notice Instructions identify any code approved more than five years ago as likely requiring amendment, and the Board discussed this requirement at the June 11, 2026 meeting. Subsequent changes to District operations and staffing have made amendment necessary, including the addition of new positions and the elimination of positions previously listed in the Code. The amended Code has been prepared by the District Manager and approved by County Counsel. Upon adoption, the amended Code must be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside for approval and will become effective upon the Board of Supervisors' approval.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2026-01, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District Amending the Conflict of Interest Code Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974, and direct the District Manager to submit the amended Code and Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside for approval.

3. Authorization to Accept Grant Funds – California Fire Foundation Fall 2026 Fire Prevention and Preparedness Grant Program

Background: The California Fire Foundation is offering grants through its Fall Southern, Central & Coastal CA Fire Prevention & Preparedness Grant Program. This program supports community-based fire prevention and preparedness efforts and aligns directly with TEAM RCD's active wildfire resilience work, including the ongoing home hardening program currently funded through the Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF). TEAM RCD will be applying for this grant to expand upon the home hardening program developed under the IECF grant. As part of the application, the District is required to provide a letter from the Board authorizing receipt of grant funds. The Board is asked to authorize the District to accept any funds that may be awarded under this program, and to authorize Board President Biancardi to execute the required grant funds authorization letter on behalf of the District, consistent with the program's application requirements.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact at this time. Any awarded grant funds will be brought back to the Board for programmatic authorization prior to expenditure.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Authorize the District to accept any funds awarded through the California Fire Foundation's 2026 Fall Southern, Central & Coastal CA Fire Prevention & Preparedness Grant Program.
2. Authorize Board President Teri Biancardi to execute the grant funds authorization letter on behalf of the District.

4. Authorization to Execute Subcontract Agreement – Integral Ecology Research Center – Restore California: Regional Reclamation Training Initiative

Background: TEAM RCD and SAWA have been selected by the Integral Ecology Research Center (IERC) to participate as a Regional Reclamation Training Team under the Restore California Regional Reclamation Training Initiative. This initiative is funded through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Cannabis Restoration Grant Program (CRGP) and is designed to expand statewide capacity to remediate environmental damage from illicit cannabis cultivation on public lands. As a selected team, TEAM RCD will receive up to \$206,668 in subcontract funding on a cost-reimbursement basis to cover staff time, travel, and supplies associated with participation in the full training program. The program is structured in four phases: supervisor prerequisite training including 40-hour HAZWOPER certification; in-person and field-based supervisor training; crew training for six to ten crew members; and a proctored independent reclamation operation. Our Conservation Technician, Kit Swift, will be participating as one of the two identified supervisors in the training, which will consist of approximately five to six weeks of active participation. The subcontract agreement with IERC is expected to be received by the District in the coming week. Counsel review will be required prior to execution.

Fiscal Impact: TEAM RCD will receive up to \$206,668 in cost-reimbursement subcontract funding from IERC. All eligible costs, including staff time, travel, and program supplies, will be reimbursed following IERC review and approval of submitted invoices and documentation. No District general funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the District Manager to execute the subcontract agreement with the Integral Ecology Research Center (IERC) for participation in the Restore California Regional Reclamation Training Initiative in an amount not to exceed \$206,668, pending approval of counsel, and to take all administrative actions necessary to implement the agreement on behalf of the District.

IV. DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

1. District Manager Report

Report on district operations, finances, and administrative matters. Presenter: District Manager Clifton Meek.

2. Projects Update

Update on active and developing projects including the I-15 Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing, Greer Ranch Easement, Whitewood Easement, Kiley Property, Clinton Keith Property, Riverside County Flood Control, IECF, Cannabis Cleanup, IERC, CalFire Grant, WETA Grant, and Healthy Soils & SWEEP Grants. Presenters: District Manager Clifton Meek, Conservation Technician Kit Swift, and Board President Teri Biancardi.

3. SAWA Update

Update on Santa Ana Watershed Association operations and coordination with TEAM RCD. Presenters: Board Member Arturo Garcia, District Manager Clifton Meek, and Conservation Technician Kit Swift.

4. Governance Briefing

Overview of statutory basis and purpose of Resource Conservation Districts under California law – What Resource Conservation Districts Can Do (Public Resource Code Division Nine, Section 9001). This continues our short and intermittent series in which the board and staff will review relevant legislation to deepen our collective understanding of the purpose, roles, and responsibilities of our District. Presenter: District Manager Clifton Meek and the Board of Directors.

V. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Open to all directors.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

Upon request, this agenda will be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities, as required by §202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting should direct such request to the District at least 48 hours before the meeting, if possible.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2026