

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

**Thursday, August 13, 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:**  
**Meeting ID: 278 622 773 085 835**  
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**Mission Statement:** 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.

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**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 July 9, 2026**

## 2. Approve bills and reimbursements for June and July 2026:

- Bills paid
- Bills to be paid or reimbursements
- Accounts Receivable
- Approve Monthly Financial Reports for the periods ending June 30, 2026 and July 31, 2026

## III. ACTION ITEMS

### 1. Authorization to Execute Maintenance Agreement with the Santa Ana Watershed Association for the Greer Ranch Conservation Easement Fuel Modification Project

**Background:** TEAM RCD's Greer Ranch Conservation Easement requires active fuel modification to reduce fire risk and maintain the ecological integrity of the property. In May 2026, District staff conducted a joint field day at Greer Ranch with Board President Biancardi, Murrieta Fire, and Greer Ranch Community Association (GRCA) personnel to assess conditions and lay out a multistage cleanup plan organized around Murrieta Fire's clearance standards. The Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) has submitted a proposal to provide the required fuel modification and biomass removal services. The work is structured in two phases: Phase 1 targets areas within 30 feet of structures and 10 feet of roads and includes an initial biological assessment of the full work area as required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), at an estimated cost of \$24,304.88; Phase 2 addresses the remainder of the easement and includes two years of annual biological site assessments following completion of removal, as required by CDFW, at an estimated cost of \$40,004.45. All work will take place in September 2026, as approved by CDFW in their Verification Request Form. The combined not-to-exceed amount is \$64,309.33, inclusive of a TEAM RCD administration fee of \$8,337.86. TEAM RCD will serve in an oversight and administration role. All costs will be paid by GRCA.

**Fiscal Impact:** The not-to-exceed contract amount is \$64,309.33. The TEAM RCD administration fee of \$8,337.86 will be retained by TEAM RCD to offset staff administrative and oversight costs.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the District Manager to develop, execute, and administer a maintenance agreement with SAWA for fuel modification and biomass removal services at the Greer Ranch Conservation Easement in a not-to-exceed amount of \$64,309.33, and to take all administrative actions necessary to implement the agreement on behalf of TEAM RCD (upon approval by GRCA).

### 2. Authorization to Execute Letters of Support and Commitment – State Healthy Soils Program Block Grant (IERCD) and State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program Block Grant (RCDGSD)

**Background:** Two neighboring resource conservation districts have invited TEAM RCD to serve as a partner agency and technical assistance provider on pending state grant applications. The Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) is applying under the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) State Healthy Soils Program (HSP) Block Grant, and the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego (RCDGSD) is applying under the CDFA State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) Block Grant. Both programs support on-farm conservation projects benefiting agricultural producers and align with TEAM RCD's core mission and technical capabilities. In both cases, TEAM RCD would provide technical assistance to participating producers throughout the project lifecycle, including outreach and education, application development support, project planning and design, implementation guidance, site visits, verification of completed projects, and documentation and reporting. Draft letters of support and commitment have been prepared for each grant for Board review and authorization.

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct fiscal impact. Staff time associated with technical assistance activities would be reimbursed through each respective grant agreement.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Authorize the District Manager to execute the letter of support and commitment to IERCD for the State Healthy Soils Program Block Grant application.
2. Authorize the District Manager to execute the letter of support and commitment to RCDGSD for the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) Block Grant application.

### **3. SB 827 Compliance – Ethics and Fiscal Training Requirements for Board Members and District Manager**

**Background:** SB 827 (2025) is a new state law that expands existing ethics training requirements and creates a standalone fiscal and financial training mandate for local agency officials, including special district board members and executive staff. The law makes two changes applicable to TEAM RCD: it expands the existing AB 1234 ethics training requirement (2 hours every 2 years) to explicitly include the District Manager and board members; and it creates a new fiscal and financial training requirement (2 hours every 2 years) covering financial administration, budgeting, auditing, capital financing, cash management, investments, and ethics of public resource stewardship. All Board members and the District Manager are covered under both tracks. Two officials who began service after January 1, 2026 face near-term deadlines: Board Member Arturo Garcia (appointed March 10, 2026) must complete both ethics and fiscal training by September 10, 2026; and District Manager Clifton Meek (started April 13, 2026) must complete both by October 13, 2026. Sitting Board members who were in office before January 1, 2026 must complete the new fiscal training by January 1, 2028, with their existing AB 1234 ethics cycle continuing unchanged. The District is also required to maintain training records for at least five years as public records, post instructions on the TEAM RCD website explaining how the public may request those records, and notify covered officials of available training at least annually.

**Fiscal Impact:** Minimal. Ethics and fiscal training is available from multiple low-cost or no-cost providers.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Direct the District Manager to identify and enroll all covered Board members and staff in an SB 827-compliant fiscal training provider, and to enroll Board Member Garcia and District Manager Meek in both ethics and fiscal training ahead of their respective deadlines.
2. Direct the District Manager to establish and maintain a training tracking log documenting completion of ethics and fiscal training for all covered individuals, including completion dates and certificates.
3. Direct the District Manager to prepare the required website posting explaining how the public may request training records. Alternatively links to training records can be posted directly on the TEAM RCD website.
4. Adopt a policy manual addition (Policy 2190) formalizing ethics and fiscal training obligations, recordkeeping responsibilities, and onboarding requirements for future Board members and District Managers.

## **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, WETA, and Healthy Soils & SWEEP. 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 (Public Resource Code Division Nine, Section 9001). This marks the beginning of a 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**

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### **ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:**

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**Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2026**