

# AGENDA

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

Thursday, July 9, 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.

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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.

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### II. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of June 11, 2026
  2. Approve current bills and reimbursements:
    - Bills paid
    - Bills to be paid or reimbursements
    - Accounts Receivable
    - Approve Monthly Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2026
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### III. ACTION ITEMS

#### **1. Discussion and Possible Vote on the Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs for the I-15 Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing Planning and Design Project**

**Background:** The Consultant Selection Committee, consisting of District Manager Clifton Meek, Board President Teri Biancardi, Vice President Stuart Kuhn, one representative from The Nature Conservancy, and

two representatives from Caltrans District 8, completed a competitive procurement process for the I-15 Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing Planning and Design project. Four proposals were received and evaluated against the RFP's published criteria: Qualifications and Experience (25 points), Understanding and Approach (60 points), and Schedule (15 points). Following written proposal evaluation and interviews, the Consultant Selection Committee selected Jacobs as the top-ranked firm. Jacobs brings directly relevant experience as the lead planner and designer of the Clinton Keith Road Extension in Riverside County (California's first completed and operational wildlife overpass), as well as an internationally recognized wildlife science team with decades of research on mountain lion movement and habitat connectivity in the I-15 corridor. The District Manager has been engaged in contract negotiations with Jacobs, and the Professional Services Agreement is anticipated to be finalized at a total not-to-exceed fee of \$3,002,027, consistent with the project budget established under WCB Grant Agreement No. WC-2593DC. If the Professional Services Agreement is finalized prior to the board meeting, copies will be made available to the directors and the public at that time.

**Fiscal Impact:** The total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$3,002,027 will be funded through WCB Grant Agreement No. WC-2593DC. No District general funds are anticipated to be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Discuss and possibly vote on the Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs for the I-15 Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing Planning and Design project in an amount not to exceed \$3,002,027, and authorize the District Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the District, pending approval of counsel.

**2. Adoption of Safety Policies 6060 (Amended), 6062, and 6064**

**Background:** TEAM RCD conducts field operations in remote and rugged environments, including wildfire resilience work, habitat restoration, watershed assessments, and cannabis site reclamation on public and Tribal lands. These activities require a documented, board-adopted safety framework that meets Cal/OSHA requirements and demonstrates the District's safety culture to grant partners and the public. The District's current Policy 6060 establishes a general Illness and Injury Prevention Program (IIPP) commitment but does not address field-specific hazards or staff certification requirements. The CDFW Cannabis Restoration Grant Program requires applicants to demonstrate a current written safety program and compliance with Cal/OSHA and applicable certification standards. Three policies are presented for adoption: an amendment to Policy 6060 strengthening the IIPP policy statement and designating the District Manager as responsible administrator; new Policy 6062 establishing board-level field operations safety requirements for remote, rugged, or hazardous environments; and new Policy 6064 requiring the District Manager to maintain a current certifications tracker and establishing minimum certification standards for field-deployed personnel. Following adoption, the Operations and Procedures Manual will be updated to implement the operational requirements established by these policies.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Adopt Policy 6060 (Amended) — Illness and Injury Prevention Program.
2. Adopt Policy 6062 — Field Operations Safety.
3. Adopt Policy 6064 — Staff Safety Certifications.
4. Direct the District Manager to update the Operations and Procedures Manual to implement the requirements established by these policies.

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**IV. DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. District Manager Report**

Report on district operations, active grants, 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, Riverside County Flood Control, Cannabis Cleanup, IERC Reclamation Training, and Healthy Soils & SWEEP. Presenters: Board President Teri Biancardi, District Manager Clifton Meek, and Conservation Technician Kit Swift.

## **3. SAWA Update**

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

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## **V. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Open to all directors.

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## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

### **ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:**

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**Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2026**