

# MINUTES

## Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 4:00 PM

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

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### I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order — President Biancardi called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

#### Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Teri Biancardi, President; Stuart Kuhn, Vice President; Rose Corona, Director; Newt Parkes, Secretary/Treasurer; Pablo Bryant, Director. Also Present: Kit Swift, Conservation Technician. Guest Presenters (via teleconference): David Hernandez (IECF); Angus McLean (TNC); Grace Dougan and Holly Mader (Bookkeepers).

#### Approval of Agenda

Director Parkes moved, and Director Kuhn seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Biancardi	Yes
Bryant	Yes
Corona	Yes
Kuhn	Yes
Parkes	Yes

Public Comment — Candace present to observe. No other public comments.

### II. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Corona raised concerns about AI-generated minutes — incorrect speaker attributions and description of Flood Control contract as 'grant income' in August 14 minutes, and incorrect attribution of budget concerns to President Biancardi rather than Director Corona. President Biancardi explained the board review process serves as the accuracy check. Director Kuhn suggested directors submit written corrections prior to meetings. Holly Mader agreed to add vendor invoices to SharePoint.

Director Parkes moved, and Director Kuhn seconded, to approve current bills and reimbursements. Motion passed:

Biancardi	Yes
Bryant	Yes
Corona	No
Kuhn	Yes

Parkes	Yes
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Director Kuhn moved, and Director Parkes seconded, to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2025, and September 11, 2025. Motion passed:

Biancardi	Yes
Bryant	Yes
Corona	No
Kuhn	Yes
Parkes	Yes

August 14, 2025, Minutes — No motion made. President Biancardi requested Director Corona submit written corrections via email within the next month. August minutes to be brought back at the next meeting.

### III. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Building Grant

Kit Swift presented the proposed home hardening and defensible space assessment program: reaching 4 rural communities, at least 100 home assessments, educational materials development, at least 30% disadvantaged residents, Survey123 for standardized reporting. David Hernandez (IECF) described the grant timeline (application due October 20; notifications first week of November) and reporting requirements.

Director Kuhn moved, and Director Parkes seconded, to authorize the President to finalize and submit the application. Motion passed unanimously.

Biancardi	Yes
Bryant	Yes
Corona	Yes
Kuhn	Yes
Parkes	Yes

### IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### B. Potential Projects Update

- I-15 Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing: WCB application delayed; update expected in 3-4 weeks. Preparatory work continues.
- NRCS Conservation Technician Agreement: No update; Keir Thomas on furlough.
- Cannabis Restoration Grant: Pre-application submitted to CDFW; under review.
- Warm Springs Fuel Modification Project: Site visit with Murrieta Fire; \$2.3 million Cal Fire grant for ~22,000 acres. TEAM RCD can assist; likely sole-source to RCD.

- NRCS Technical Assistance Grant: New program could continue WETA work and expand to carbon farm planning.
- Forest Service CWPP Grant: Application with San Jacinto Basin RCD and IECF was unsuccessful.
- Riverside County Flood Control RFQ: Application submitted October 8.

## **V. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Grace Dougan and Holly Mader presented financial reports for FY 2024-2025 and Q1 FY 2025-2026. Board authorized CPA access to QuickBooks for audit. Director Parkes suggested investigating short-term CDs for unrestricted funds. Director Corona requested written CDFW confirmation re: \$98,000 Clinton Keith account. Administrative updates: new business-account storage unit; Dropbox cancelled in favor of SharePoint; Municipal Service Review submitted to LAFCO.

### **Directors' Reports**

- Kit Swift: Completed homeless monitoring transition from SAWA; fully trained for easement monitoring; CDFW annual reports 95% complete.
- Stuart Kuhn: Mitigation Committee — Running Deer project in Lake Elsinore; fencing needed.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Director Corona moved, and Director Parkes seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Newt Parkes, Secretary