

MINUTES

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

Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 4:00 PM

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

I. Preliminary Functions

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rae Shirer

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Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Teri Biancardi (President), Newt Parkes (Secretary/Treasurer), Rose Corona (Director)

Directors Absent: Pablo Bryant, Jeff McClenahan

Office Manager: Rae Shirer

District Counsel: None

Public Guests: Randy Feeney, Sebastian Valente

Approval of Agenda:

Secretary Parkes moved to approve the agenda as presented, Director Corona seconded. Upon voice vote, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Public Comments Received by Email:

President Biancardi reported that she had received a letter via email dated October 12, 2023, from Brad Greenman of Tyler Law, LLP. As requested in the letter, President Biancardi read out Mr Greenman's comments which included the opinion that the District should not port their email to another server while his firm's litigation against the County, involving directors' appointments to TEAMRCD, is pending.

Public Comments:

Sebastian Valente asked the board to consider what opportunities to offer to those not serving on the board of directors but who may want to volunteer.

II. Consent Calendar

Director Parkes moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Corona seconded, clarifying that the legal bills under review and discussion (tabled at the previous

meeting) were not approved with the Consent Calendar. Upon voice vote, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved, reserving approval of the legal bills.

III. Action Items:

1. The board reconsidered the four invoices remaining unpaid to the Riverside County Counsel. Director Corona provided copies of a letter she wrote to Minh Tran, Chief County Counsel and then read the letter in full to the board. Following discussion, the board tabled the matter of the unpaid invoices to allow Mr. Minh an opportunity to respond.
2. Secretary/Treasurer Parkes provided the banking update, reporting that certificates of deposit “rolled over” and were reinvested at Chase Bank. Director Corona suggested that the board adopt a policy authorizing the Treasurer to manage future CD rollovers without full board input if board review cannot be conducted in a timely manner.
3. President Biancardi provided an update on the Cultivating Inclusion project, presenting a draft “scope of work” for subcontracting to Mission RCD. Upon board discussion, approval of the draft was tabled to next month’s meeting.
4. Manager Shirer provided an update on the transition of the email system to a new platform. The board discussed the October 12, 2023, letter from Bradley Greenman, once again objecting to the transition on behalf of “Government Watchdogs”. Upon further discussion, the board directed President Biancardi to ask TEAM RCD counsel for assistance in communicating with Mr. Greenman regarding the transition and TEAM RCD’s plan to provide a full archive in multiple formats. The matter was further tabled.
5. Manager Shirer also provided an update on the document retention project, noting that she and President Biancardi had attended an initial training with the Records Management Agency. Manager Shirer reported that she has begun sorting and categorizing both the physical and digital records of TEAM RCD. When asked, Manager Shirer estimated 20 hours of work to be performed for this phase of the project.
6. President Biancardi discussed her progress in revising/resubmitting the WETA grant proposal. She reported that she was able to speak to a WETA representative and that she was encouraged to revise the scope of the project and resubmit. President Biancardi is currently reaching out to other RCDs and NCRS to develop a plan including water pump projects.
7. The board discussed a mitigation proposal received by email. Following discussion, no action was taken to move forward with the project.
8. President Biancardi requested funding to attend the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts Annual Conference in Sacramento in December. Following discussion, Director Corona moved that TEAM RCD pay the cost of the airfare and the hotel, not to exceed a total of \$600. Director Parkes seconded and upon voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Management Report:

Office Manager Shirer reported that she had nothing additional to report.

V. Directors' Reports:

The directors then reported on interesting projects and conversations happening in the area. No future action items were noted in this discussion.

VI. Future Agenda Items:

VII: Adjournment

Director Corona moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Parkes seconded. Upon voice vote, the motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: November 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Dated: 11/9/2023


Nevt Parkes, Secretary/Treasurer