

# MINUTES

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

Special Meeting of the Board

Thursday, February 21, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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

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Meeting recorded by Microsoft Teams.

### I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

#### Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Teri Biancardi, President; Pablo Bryant, Vice President; Rose Corona, Director; Stuart Kuhn, Director; Newt Parkes, Secretary/Treasurer.

Appearing via Zoom: Rae Shirer, Office Manager.

Participating by Telephone: Braden Holly, legal counsel for TEAM RCD.

Public Guests via Zoom: Myla Sarmiento, Tyler Law LLP; one additional unidentified member of the public.

#### Approval of Agenda

Director Bryant moved, and Director Parkes seconded, to approve the Agenda. Director Corona objected, on the grounds that meeting materials were not provided for the board and public. Specifically, Director Corona stated that a copy of the cure and correct letter should have been included as well as a copy of the mitigation policy under consideration.

Upon roll call vote, the Agenda was approved:

Biancardi	Yes
Bryant	Yes
Corona	No
Kuhn	Yes
Parkes	Yes

During the roll call, Director Corona stated, for the record, that she believed that this Special Meeting was held in violation of the Brown Act.

#### Public Comment

Ms. Sarmiento stated: "The public needed to receive the cure and correct letter. It is relevant information in order to move on with any further voting. It appries them of information and it is a violation of the Brown Act under government code section 54954.2. Until my clients, members of the public, are able to receive this information, they can't be apprised in making an informed decision as far as sharing what they have to share with the board. I would like that to be addressed in the meeting minutes. Thank you."

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Subject: Brown Act Cure and Correct Demand

Background: Director Rose Corona has demanded a Cure and Correction of the CARCD vote taken in the January regular board meeting.

On January 9, 2025, the board of directors of TEAM RCD met for its regular monthly meeting. At that time, the board voted for the SoCal Region Chair and Vice-Chair, with each director completing a written ballot. The results of the vote were announced on the record, but individual votes of the directors were not made public.

The board discussed the appropriate method to cure and correct the error. Director Corona contended that the January 9, 2025, vote needed to be officially declared "void" by the board. Director Corona again contended that this Special Meeting was in violation of the Brown Act for failure to include a copy of the cure and correct demand in the meeting materials.

President Biancardi telephoned county counsel Braden Holly for legal advice. He found no requirement in the statutes that the demand be included with the meeting agenda materials.

During this discussion, President Biancardi asked Director Corona why she did not come forward with her concerns regarding the January 9, 2025, vote earlier. Director Corona stated she did not realize it until she was informed by her private legal counsel who she had asked for assistance in resolving a tie vote in the SoCal Region election.

President Biancardi then stated for the record: "I see. What I come away from this experience with is that you in your legal efforts to threaten and harass us, and the subsequent part where our vote is nullified is there's no legal, there's no statute associated with that. That's just your supposition that you're making. It's suppressing your own district's voice, so that to me is really intolerable, and something that I think that we should all take a look at. Our own district did not endorse your running and dragging us into this fight with CARCD. In terms of your fiduciary duty to this district, this whole — You once again going to private counsel and spending your money to thwart our objectives is a reflection of your dedication to our district. I just want that to go on the record as well."

Following this discussion, the board proceeded to retake the vote for the SoCal Region Chair and Vice-Chair, correcting the record of the January 9, 2025, vote.

Vote for SoCal Inland Region Chair, roll call:

For Nancy Humenik Sappington, IERCD:

Biancardi	Yes
Bryant	Yes
Corona	No
Kuhn	Yes
Parkes	No

For Rose Corona, TEAMRCD:

Biancardi	No
Bryant	No
Corona	Yes
Kuhn	No
Parkes	Yes

Result: Nancy Humenik Sappington elected SoCal Inland Region Chair (3-2).

Vote for SoCal Inland Region Vice-Chair, roll call:

For Michele Tracy, SJBRCD:

Biancardi	Yes
Bryant	Yes
Corona	Yes
Kuhn	Yes
Parkes	Yes

Result: Michele Tracy elected SoCal Inland Region Vice-Chair (5-0).

Manager Shirer was directed to submit a new ballot to SoCal Inland Region.

**B. Subject: Mitigation Policy**

Background: Mitigation is a service traditionally provided by Resource Conservation Districts. In order that TEAMRCD may serve this need, a mitigation policy is required.

Director Kuhn began the presentation. However, upon further consideration of the issues and objections raised in this special meeting, the matter was tabled.

Director Parkes moved, and Director Bryant seconded, to table the Mitigation Policy item. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously:

Biancardi	Yes
Bryant	Yes
Corona	Yes
Kuhn	Yes

Parkes	Yes
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### III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Newt Parkes, Secretary