

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRANQUILLITY RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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November 13, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Tranquillity Resource Conservation District (TRCD) met in the McMullin Area Sustainability Agency Conference Room for a live and in-person meeting via MS Teams meeting protocols, on Monday, November 13, 2023, at the hour of 3:05 P.M.

Steve Shehadey, Vice Chair presided, and Steve Haze kept the Minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Steve Shehadey, Anthony Borges, Patrick Abercrombie and Matt Hurley

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jerry Radinoff

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Haze – Executive Director and Mikhael Kazzi, NRCS

At 3:05 pm a quorum was declared

I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. **Draft Agenda Review and Approval:** MH Motioned approval and PA Seconded. Passed unanimously.
2. **Board Minutes:** Review of August 14, Sept 18 and Oct 9 Board meetings were tabled to the December 11th Board meeting.
3. **Executive Director Report:**

General: A brief update of activities associated with the operations was provided.

 - Discussed upcoming CARCD Annual Conference next month. Matt Hurley is also attending.
 - Participating later this month in a SJV Hub gathering at Bowles Ranch organized by Alexandria Miranda, Carbon Cycle Institute on Ag-Regeneration and Conservation Planning.
 - Reaching out to Westland Water District that has received funding for a Multi-benefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) to be established.
 - Continued participation in CERF (CA Economic Resilience Fund) plan development working group representing local governments in west Fresno County in which TRCD is being funded.



- Reached out to the CA Conservation Corps to establish a Local Agency Sponsor Agreement (LGSA).
- Trying to get TRCD and MAGSA engaged in the F3 Program – Fresno-Merced Future of Food Innovation Initiative which is led by the Central Valley Community Foundation and funded in the amount of \$65 million.

Funding:

- ED will be attending a funding fair in Tulare hosted by various state agencies tomorrow the 14th. He provided an updated grants development and provided copy of projects.
- CSDA scholarship of \$675 received. Current balance: \$1,476.82
- ED Haze provided an update of the Activities Report which is a consolidated list of several undertakings.

NRCS Update:

Mikhael gave an update of applications that have come into the Fresno District Conservationist's Office. A total of 700 have been received under EQIP – of which 350 have been received since the start of the 10/1 fiscal year. There are 11 applications within MAGSA.

4. Planning and Priority Discussion:

- a) **Annual and Long-Range Plans:** No Discussion
- b) **Potential Development District Carbon Management Plan:** Continue discussion in conjunction with CCI's SJV Regional Carbon Farming Hub program.

II ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR November 13, 2023, MEETING

A adjournment declared at 4:18 pm.