

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRANQUILLITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
August 11, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Tranquillity Resource Conservation District (TRCD) met in the McMullin Area Sustain Groundwater Sustainability Agency Conference Room for a live and in-person meeting and via MS Teams meeting protocols, on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 3:06 P.M.

Jerry Radinoff, Chair presided, and Steve Haze kept the Minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President Jerry Radinoff at 3:06 P.M. at the District Office 275 So. Madera Avenue, Suite 301, Kerman and via MS Teams remote access and a quorum was declared.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Jerry Radinoff, Steve Shehadey, Matt Hurley and Patrick Abercrombie. Absent: Anthony Borges due to harvesting commitments. Note: Patrick Abercrombie departed after Action Items required for approval due to harvesting commitments.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Haze Executive Director

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Review and Approval of Agenda: Motion – MH and second by PA. Passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of draft Minutes from July 14, 2025 – Motion: SS and second by MH. Passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) **General – Outreach and District Development effort**

- I. **Personnel** – It was noted that Ana Erevia continues providing the NRCS support and is working on activities for the TCC grant.
- II. **Fresno County Public Works & Planning and CA Conservation Corps** – Dumping on Ag Lands Clean-up: Second meeting with CalRecycle. Still taking it one step at a time.
- III. **Fresno County Public Works & Planning – Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning:** Tranquillity teamed with Stantec to be involved in community outreach and engagement. Proposal submitted.
- IV. **TAP** – Technical Assistance Provider training with scholarships. Jeevan Singh is still participating as classes are available. Target for completing certification remains in the Fall.
- V. **BEAM Circular and Biocatalyst:** Innovation & Industry Exchange – Nothing to report at this time.
- VI. **UC Merced** – No update
- VII. **Outreach to other RCD and Others in Area 9** – Working with Matt on having a SJV Regional meeting that includes elections of officers.
- VIII. **Fresno COG** – ED continues participation for the development of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan – CCAP and Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) development.

b) **Financial Reports – 2025/26 Year To Date Income and Expenses Reports:**

- I. **2025/26 Draft Budget Review and Approval** – After review, motioned – SS and 2nd AB – passed unanimously.
 - Community West Bank Account Balance - \$28,160.22 including remainder of advance from SGC.
 - Total Grants in progress - \$284,929
 - Accounts Receivables - \$17,597.77
 - Accounts Payable - \$13,142.30
 - AR versus AP Balance – \$4,455.47

TRCD's Funded Programs Report, Activities List with potential funding amounts, and CWB Account Transactions from May 2025 for new fiscal year to Current were provided. Account with CWB is confirmed as interest-bearing as required by SGC.

c) **Funding – Grant Development, Submission and/or Active**

- I. **Sustainable Lands Initiative (SLI) framework** – Jeevan is now developing the Carbon Farm Plan after conducting a site visit at Yo'Ville Community Gardens and small farm center on July 1st. Looking at 2nd site.
- II. **Los Gatos Creek Rangeland & Grazing CARCD and NRCS** – Part of block grant submission with CARCD. Also working with NRCS on EQIP funded project. Working with Hana Environmental Resources under Teaming Agreement on other opportunities.
- III. **Mobile Irrigation Systems Testing and Healthy Soils** – Tracking Prop 4 monies that include SWEEP and Healthy Soils. Working with CARCD on potential block grant submission in future.
- IV. **CARCD -- California Water Resilience Initiative (CWRI) Private Sector Funding** – No update (Pacific Institute hopes to have an agreement under CWRI in place with Netafim in the Fall timeframe. Will continue to keep in touch).
- V. **NRCS – Conservation Cooperative Agreement** – Local Working Group (LWG) third meeting conducted on August 6th. Jerry was able to participate and his presence was appreciated. It has been good to continue the effort in spite of existing challenges. Morgan Hicks our intern in partnership with the NRCS has completed her term and is now focused on getting her MS in Geology. She did an outstanding job.
- VI. **Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program** – Ana has begun to follow-up with community participants. Those that want to continue to participate will receive \$50 stipends. Will begin planning for tour of Farm of the Future and Bar20 Ranch.

d) **SJV Natural Resources Hub** – Alexandria Miranda, CCI Regional Coordinator not available. As previously reported, she will provide part-time support through the remainder of the year now that she is ED for East Stanislaus RCD. TRCD continues to support the Hub and engaged in Strategic Plan development.

e) **NRCS Update** – Erwin Duenas, District Conservationist is now back from his annual leave. Ana still detailed with them.

f) **District Carbon Management Plan** – This continues to be approached based upon working with the Carbon Cycle Institute, CSU-Chico TAP training, and through the Sustainable Lands Initiative (SLI) and their Carbon Farm Planning program that Jeevan Singh is involved with.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:59 P.M. to the next Regular Meeting on September 8, 2025, 3:00 P.M., Boardroom of the Agency or as otherwise directed by the Board.