

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TRANQUILITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 10, 2024**

The Board of Directors of the Tranquility 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, June 10, 2024, at the hour of 3:04 P.M.

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jerry Radinoff, Stephen Shehadey, Anthony Borges, Patrick Abercrombie, and Matt Hurley

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Haze – Executive Director, Blair Bain – NRCS F3, Jeevan Singh, Seth Wilson

At 3:04 pm the President declared a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. **Draft Agenda Review and Approval:** SS Motioned for approval and MH seconded. Passed unanimously.
2. **Board Minutes:** Draft meeting minutes for April 8th and May 13th – MH Motioned for approval and AB Seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. **Executive Director Report:**

General: An update of activities associated with the operations was presented.

- **Outreach and District Development Activities** – A Zoom session is scheduled with U.C. Merced’s Chancellor Munoz and Vice Chancellor Wilson for Research. Quote from SDRMA for D&O, E&O and General Liability insurance will be compared with Chubb. Have had over 21K page views in the first 5 months of this year, averaging 4K per month!
- **Personnel** – Part-time Intern under NRCS – CCA. Bringing on Mikel Chatelle as a part-time paid intern on 6/21 for district operations, technical assistance, and Liaison with the NRCS. Has LincPass with access and a laptop.
- **Relationship with UC Merced** – More to be known after meeting on the 6/11
- **CERF/CA Jobs First – Regional Committee** – Continue to actively participate. Will be reviewing proposals. Regional Committee has not convened. Matt Hurley was nominated to serve representing *One Water*.
- **Fresno COG – CCAP (Comprehensive Climate Action Plan) Steering Committee** – Involved on 6/4 in review team to select consulting firm to manage this second phase.

- **Fresno COG – RTP (Regional Transportation Plan) Roundtable** – Notified that have been selected to serve as a member representing agriculture
 - **Accounting, Procurement/Purchasing Procedures** – Working on them and drafts should be available for review prior to the next Board meeting on 7/8. Trying to be ready for the next fiscal year which commences on 7/1
 - **Accounting and Auditing Services** – This is still being investigated. However, will need to be in place to support the fiscal year ending 6/30/2025 closing.
 - **SDRMA / Chubb Insurance quotes** – Will need to have quote comparison completed and required resolution prepared for upcoming Board meeting on the 8th of July.
- 4. Funding – Grant Development, Submission and/or Active**
- **CARCD – Capacity Grant from CA Dept. of Conservation** – DOC has pulled this due to budget shortfall. CA Assoc. of RCDs is trying to get the funding re-instated as originally awarded.
 - **NRCS – Conservation Cooperative Agreement** – 1st Semiannual submission through their ezGrants on-line system completed.
 - **Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Planning Award** – Have had sessions with Farm of the Future and Carbon Cycle Institute partners and now working pre-public launch preparation with Self-Help Enterprises. Will be participating with SGC and TCC representatives in tour of past funded programs in Fresno County.
 - **Fresno Council Of Governments (COG) Implementation Grant** – No update to report for TRCD’s \$302M proposal. The notification is supposed to be in July.
 - Shared discussion with Audubon Society and developing a program within and outside the district through the National Wildlife Federation grant program. Deadline is 7/24.
5. **SJV Natural Resources Hub** – Alexandria Miranda, CCI Regional Coordinator was not available.
6. **NRCS Update** – Blair gave an update of 21 more WaterSMART applications for a total of 87. The American Pistachio Growers (APG) will be having a field day on 6/13. TRCD will be there as well. IRA funding is scheduled to be doubled in the new federal fiscal year which starts on October 1st. There have been several Area 3 and state meetings.
- 7. Planning and Priority Discussion**
- a) Annual and Long-Range Plans: No Discussion
 - b) Development of district Carbon Management Plan – Commenced review and development of a draft plan in conjunction with the SJV Regional Natural Resources Hub Program.

ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING – July 8, 2024

Adjournment declared at 4:42 pm.