

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRANQUILLITY RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2024**

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, January 8, 2024, at the hour of 3:03 P.M.

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

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Haze – Executive Director, Noah Link, CCI- SJV Hub, Erwin Duenas, NRCS and Blair Blain, NRCS

At 3:03 pm a quorum was declared

I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. **Draft Agenda Review and Approval:** AB Motioned approval and PA Seconded. Passed unanimously.
2. **Board Minutes:** Draft meeting minutes for August 14 and October 9, 2024, were reviewed. AB motioned approval and SS seconded. Passed unanimously. November 13 draft minutes tabled to February 12th meeting.
3. **Executive Director Report:**

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

 - Outreach and District development activities are continuing, including establishing district bank account Central Valley Community Bank in Kerman. Discussion about outcomes from CARCD’s annual conference in December in which Matt also attended.
 - 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. Submitted 1st invoice for last year.



- Jerry and Steve to meet with Alexandria and Noah with CCI about potential participation or support for cotton producers.

Funding:

- Participated in Fresno Council of Governments (COG) Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) meeting in December. Funding up to \$500 million available through U.S. EPA program. Wrote letter to COG indicating interest in participating in the process.
- Steve presented current finances. The only expense was \$169.50 for CSDA annual dues, leaving an estimated current balance in Mechanics Bank of \$607.32. There is a CERF receivable of \$,3,300 in CERF Receivables due which will go into the new CVCB account.
- ED Haze provided an update of the Activities Report which is a consolidated list of several undertakings.

NRCS Update:

Blair discussed efforts to get Tranquillity Irrigation District to respond to the \$3 million funding under the NRCS's EQIP program. Unfortunately, it has not been successful. Steve said that he would try pulling data to see if notification by the RCD can occur prior to the February 16th deadline to get them on the system by filing an AD-1200 form. Erwin shared that the next batching deadline is May 24th for WaterSMART focused on water quality.

4. Planning and Priority Discussion:

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

II ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR February 12, 2024, MEETING

Adjournment declared at 4:30 pm.