

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRANQUILLITY RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 10, 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, July 10, 2023, at the hour of 3:00 P.M.

Chairman Radinoff presided, and Steve Haze kept the Minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Anthony Borges, Jerry Radinoff and Steve Shehadey

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Haze – Executive Director  
Matt Hurley – District Advisor and Applicant for Director Position  
Olivia Peters – Natural Resources Conservation District (via MS Teams)  
Patrick Abercrombie – Landowner and Applicant for Director Position

Chairman Radinoff called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. with a quorum declared.

#### **I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

1. **Board Minutes:** Minutes for April and June Board meetings were reviewed and approved: M – Shehadey, S – Borges. Passed unanimously.
2. **Board Vacancies:** Executive Director Haze provided status for filling the two Board vacancies. All necessary filings and other requirements have been completed with the Fresno County Clerk/Elections Office – as well as with the Clerk for the Board of Supervisors. The two candidates currently are:
  - Matt Hurley
  - Patrick AbercrombieThe determination of their appointment by the Board of Supervisors is still on schedule for July 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Board Resolution 2023-01:** Was reviewed for the Strategic Growth Council's Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) funding opportunity. This is for a planning grant for the whole district. M – Shehadey, S – Borges. Passed unanimously.

4. **CSDA Web Services Program:** This service from CA Special Districts Association is through Streamline a specialized hosting service. Set up fee of \$500 was waived, and the annual cost reduced to \$1,008. M – Shehadey, S – Borges. Passed unanimously.
5. **Consolidation with Westside RCD through Fresno County LAFCo:** Steve was informed that the district had gone dissolution in August of 2022. Option is to annex the former district. He will check with the Executive Officer of LAFCo. Directed to proceed accordingly. M – Borges, S – Shehadey. Passed unanimously.
6. **Executive Director Report:**
  - a) General: Update of activities associated with the operations was provided. This included performing annual filings with the CA State Controller Office.
  - b) Funding: The Board received a report on the status of the TRCD bank account. The account has \$1,709.82. The only outlook besides the web service is annual dues with CA Association of RCDs in the amount of \$150.  

ED Haze provided an update of the Activities Report which is a consolidated list of several undertakings. Still awaiting the outcome of a conservation partnership grant for \$75,000 that was submitted to the NRCS for consideration on 6/9. Currently working on the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) funding of \$300,000 for a 2-year planning grant which is due by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - c) NRCS Update: Unfortunately there was internet problems and Olivia was not able to provide any update.
7. **Planning and Priority Discussion:**
  - a) Annual and Long Range Plans: Continued discussions on the need to review the annual and long-term plans for re-prioritization of TRCD efforts and the need to perform a regular audit. Discussed devoting one of the upcoming board meetings to begin review process.
  - b) Carbon Management: As previously reported, the Carbon Cycle Institute (CCI) has invited the TRCD to join the CCI San Joaquin Valley Hub Advisory Committee. There is a \$4,000 per year stipend and the Committee will provide resources in developing a Carbon Management Plan for the TRCD. And CCI has agreed to provide a presentation at the Regional Meeting about their plans to develop a SJV Carbon Farming Regional Program and hire a Coordinator and Planner.
  - c) Agrivoltaics: This was discussed as a potential area to explore where ag land can be used on a multi-beneficial basis rather than taken out of production exclusively for solar farms.

## II ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR August 14, 2023, MEETING

The Board adjourned the regular meeting on July 10, 2023, at 4:15 pm.