



# INLAND EMPIRE

## RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District Board Meeting  
Thursday, October 13th, 2022 at 12 PM

**Meeting Link:**

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87635473830?pwd=UUw3NIR5cm9kO245dFNnT24oeWJwdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 876 3547 3830

**Passcode:** 011596

**Dial In:** 1-669-444-9171

Directors Present: President Jim Earsom; Vice-President Rick Gomez; Secretary-Treasurer Rod LeMond; Director Brad Buller; Director Nancy Sappington; Director Lorien Sanders

Directors Absent: Director Tricia Reed; Associate Director Terrie Andrews; Associate Director AnaLisa Campos

Staff Present: District Manager Mandy Parkes; Administrative Programs Lead Jennifer Castillo; Administrative Assistant Valerie Velazquez; Conservation Programs Manager Susie Kirschner

Members of the Public: NRCS District Conservationist Tomas Aguilar-Campos

I. CALL TO ORDER

**President Jim Earsom called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM**

II. PUBLIC INPUT:

**There was no public input**

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

**Director Brad Buller provided the motion to approve the consent calendar. Vice President Rick Gomez provided the second. The consent calendar was approved unanimously, 6-o.**

<b>Buller</b>	Aye	<b>Reed</b>	Absent
<b>Earsom</b>	Aye	<b>Sanders</b>	Aye
<b>Gomez</b>	Aye	<b>Sappington</b>	Aye
<b>LeMond</b>	Aye		

IV. REPORTS

- 1. BB&K Report  
**There was no discussion on the BB&K billing report**
- 2. Department Reports – Quarterly Strategic Plan Updates  
**Staff provided brief updated on Quarterly Strategic Plan progress**
- 3. NRCS Report  
**District Conservationist Tomas Aguilar-Campos provided a brief NRCS update**
- 4. CARCD Report  
**Staff provided updates on the annual CARCD Conference**
- 5. NACD Report  
**Director Rick Gomez provided a summary of recent NACD activities and highlights**

V. PRESENTATION

- 1. IERCD Quarterly Grants Reporting  
**Staff provided a presentation based on July-September Strategic Plan progress**

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion and Possible Approval of the funding Agreement with Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District  
**Director Brad Buller provided the motion to approve the Funding Agreement with Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District. Vice President Rick Gomez provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-o.**

<b>Buller</b>	Aye	<b>Reed</b>	Absent
<b>Earsom</b>	Aye	<b>Sanders</b>	Aye
<b>Gomez</b>	Aye	<b>Sappington</b>	Aye
<b>LeMond</b>	Aye		

- 2. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Right of Entry Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company  
**Secretary-Treasurer Rod LeMond provided the motion to approve the Right of Entry Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company. Director Brad Buller provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-o.**

<b>Buller</b>	Aye	<b>Reed</b>	Absent
<b>Earsom</b>	Aye	<b>Sanders</b>	Aye
<b>Gomez</b>	Aye	<b>Sappington</b>	Aye
<b>LeMond</b>	Aye		

- 3. Discussion and Possible Affirmation of Execution of Proposal with CalArbor

Director Nancy Sappington provided the motion to affirm the execution of the proposal with CalArbor. Vice President Rick Gomez provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-o.

<b>Buller</b>	Aye	<b>Reed</b>	Absent
<b>Earsom</b>	Aye	<b>Sanders</b>	Aye
<b>Gomez</b>	Aye	<b>Sappington</b>	Aye
<b>LeMond</b>	Aye		

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Thom Finni Consulting  
**Secretary-Treasurer Rod LeMond provided the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Thom Finni Consulting. Director Brad Buller provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-o.**

<b>Buller</b>	Aye	<b>Reed</b>	Absent
<b>Earsom</b>	Aye	<b>Sanders</b>	Aye
<b>Gomez</b>	Aye	<b>Sappington</b>	Aye
<b>LeMond</b>	Aye		

5. Discussion and Possible Action on CARCD Conference Delegate  
**Director Brad Buller provided the motion to approve Rick Gomez as IERCD’s CARCD Conference Delegate. Secretary-Treasurer Rod LeMond provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-o.**

<b>Buller</b>	Aye	<b>Reed</b>	Absent
<b>Earsom</b>	Aye	<b>Sanders</b>	Aye
<b>Gomez</b>	Aye	<b>Sappington</b>	Aye
<b>LeMond</b>	Aye		

- VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT  
 1. Discussion of the November 10th IERCD Board/Staff Sites Tour  
**Staff provided brief updates on the November sites tour**

VIII. CALENDAR

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. 2021-22 Audited Financial Statement
  2. Quarterly Financial Packet Presentation
- XI. ADJOURN MEETING  
**President Jim Earsom adjourned this meeting at 1:07 PM**

**Approved this 10th Day of November 2022**

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*James Earsom*

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**Jim Earsom, President**

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*Rick Gomez*

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**Rick Gomez, Vice-President**