



INLAND EMPIRE

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of the May 14th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

In-Person

Thursday, May 14th, 2026 at 12 PM

2024 Orange Tree Lane

Redlands, CA 92374

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92960052618?pwd=2ZmaiOYv6anMbHZCiSSA1bXjWH71an.1>

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Directors Present: President Rick Gomez; Vice-President Nancy Humenik Sappington; Secretary-Treasurer Andy Okoro; Director Brad Buller; Director Jim Earsom; Associate Director Alicia Gyllenhammer

Directors Absent: Director David Friedman; Director Lorien Sanders; Associate Director Terrie Andrews

Staff Present: District Manager Mandy Parkes; Administrative Programs Lead Jennifer Castillo; Administrative Assistant Valerie Velazquez; Education Programs Lead Gabriela Preciado; Community Engagement Specialist Crystal Valenzuela; Conservation Programs Manager Susie Kirschner; Sustainable Ag Lead Madison Santiago; Sustainable Ag Technician Autumn Yanez-Jacobo; Sustainable Agriculture Specialist Lucia Ceja; Forestry Programs Lead Melanie Garcia; Forester Matt Salmassian; Forest Ecologist Jocelyn Perez; Restoration Ecologist Aaron Echols; Mitigation Programs Lead Jose Mora; Field Ecologist I Omar Pena; Restoration Technician I Anthony Palafox

Members of the Public: NRCS District Conservationist Phoung Woolery; South Coast Air Quality Management District Public Affairs Specialist Todd Warden

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Rick Gomez called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

South Coast Air Quality Management District Public Affairs Specialist Todd Warden greeted Board Members and provided information on California Air Resources Control Board (CARB) funding for large equipment purchase

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. May 14th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes of the April 9th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
3. April 2026 Checks and Agreements Report
4. 2025-26 Q3 Financials
5. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Funding Agreement with Southland Forest Management
6. Discussion and Possible Approval of the SoCal Region Delegate

Director Jim Earsom made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Vice-President Nancy Humenik Sappington provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Okoro	Aye
Earsom	Aye	Sanders	Absent
Friedman	Absent	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye		

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2026-02 Approving the Fund Balance Reserve Policy
Secretary-Treasurer Andy Okoro made a motion to approve the Resolution 2026-02 Approving the Fund Balance Reserve Policy. Vice-President Nancy Humenik Sappington provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Buller	Aye	Okoro	Aye
Earsom	Aye	Sanders	Absent
Friedman	Absent	Sappington	Aye
Gomez	Aye		

V. REPORTS

1. BBK
There was no further discussion on the BBK report.
2. Department Reports
Staff presented on the highlights of department reports. During discussion, Director Jim Earsom commented on benefits of Board tours and requested staff consider a fall 2026 Board Tour with a focus on forestry.

3. LRPPG Report
4. CARCD Report
President Rick Gomez updated attendees on the upcoming CARCD Board Meeting location and date.
5. NRCS Report
District Conservationist Phuong Woolery provided updates on NRCS programs.
6. NACD Report
District Manager Mandy Parkes shared details of the upcoming conference in Guam.
7. CSDA Report
District Manager Mandy Parkes provided details of the upcoming annual conference in August.
8. SBVCT Report
Director Jim Earsom provided updates on his participation in the San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust (SBVCT) on behalf of IERCD.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Quarterly Grants Report - Covering 1-1-26 through 3-31-26
Each District Department shared details of activities and updates related to one highlighted grant for the quarter.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer Andy Okoro commented on the great work being done by IERCD staff, particularly his appreciation for regular staff sharing of program highlights.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

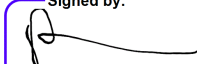
1. 2026-27 Budget Proposal
2. 2025-26 Budget Revision 3
3. Monarch Grant Amendment NOE

IX. CALENDAR

X. ADJOURN MEETING

President Rick Gomez adjourned this meeting at 1:41 pm

Approved this 11th Day of June, 2026

Signed by:

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President Rick Gomez

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Vice President Nancy Humenik Sappington