



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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BOARD MEETING

Minutes

July 11, 2025

1. **Call to Order:** At 6.10 pm by President Barraclough
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Directors Hammond, Barraclough, Duggan, Fulks and Casdorff. Staff: Ryan Richardson
NRCS: Absent Public: Emily Aroan
3. **Agenda change:** None
4. **Public Comment** Emily Aroan came to see the TRCD and what we do.
5. **Minutes:** Director Hammond motion to approve June 6, 2025 minutes as written. Director Duggan second. All ayes. Director Hammond made a motion to approval the minutes for June 13, 2025 with corrections. Director Barraclough second. All ayes.
6. **Financial:** Grant update: \$27,798.83m checking has \$10,636.23 and Kern Fund has \$15,218.60. 2024/25 budget is on hold for a special meeting to approve. NRCS grant is still under review. NRCS also sent us an extension letter to extend the grant until 2026. Director Barraclough needs Director Fulks to get her plant sale report.
7. **NRCS Report:** None
8. **Staff Report:** Mr. Richardson gave his report regarding NRCS office. Only 2 staff left. He has done field visits with NRCS to a ranch behind the cement plant. The owners are interested in CSP projects with NRCS.
9. **New Business:**
 - a) We need to update signature cards with Directors Duggan and Barraclough.
 - b) Director Fulks said we need a facilities agreement with Cerro Coso College District to utilize the RCD facilities for classes. Sometime in November 2025. Based on our MOU with District. Probably 3 classes. Also, the RCD should do quarterly volunteer projects with directors rotating quarters. Also maybe add movie night and soils education. Add a calendar of events to our website. Director Casdorff said maybe work with Pacific Trail Association on trail in our jurisdiction. Maybe do western bluebird boxes, Christmas Bird Count. Half a billion was pulled from federal grants for the college district. They are trying to make up with State money.
 - c) Summer Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 7:30-4:30.
 - d) Vince Fong Letter: Received same letter as we received from NRCS that our grant is on hold.
 - e) Website Store: leave open Add wooden vases to sell. Peter needs photos and description. Mr. Richardson will do social media.
 - f) County Board of Supervisors letter: One year report: Director Hammond made motion to approve with edits. Director Fulks second. All ayes. Director Casdorff to submit to clerk of the board.
10. **Old Business:**
 - a) **RCD Nursery.** Make cribs for oak pots soon. Need auto waterers. We need employee shirt for Mr. Richardson. Maybe directors. Next meeting bring logo possibilities.
 - b) **Ongoing revenue:** Have a webstore on line? Donations?
 - c) **Ecology Center.** Need an evaporative cooler for office now that we have full time employee. The side gate needs to be installed. Acorn planting is a priority.
11. **Board Comments:** Director Duggan will be gone in August.
12. **Adjourn:** Director Casdorff made motion to adjourn. Director Hammond second. All ayes. Adjourned 8:02 pm.

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