



# Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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## BOARD MEETING

Minutes for February 13, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** At 6.20 pm by President Barraclough
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Directors Barraclough, Hammond, and Casdorff. Director Fulks on telephone. Staff: Ryan Richardson Absent: Director Duggan. NRCS: Absent. Public: none
3. **Nuwaa Acknowledgement**
4. **Agenda change:** None
5. **Minutes:** Director Hammond made a motion to approve November 14, 2025 minutes with corrections. Director Barraclough second. All ayes. Director Barraclough made a motion to accept minutes from December 19, 2025 with corrections. Director Hammond second. All ayes. Director Hammond made a motion to accept minute of January 9, 2026. Director Barraclough second. All ayes.
6. **Financial Report:** Reviewed checking account. Director Barraclough presented bank statement from January 30, 2026. Grant account has \$2.86. Main account has \$1861.94. We are owed about \$22,000 by NRCS for reimbursement trying to keep us afloat using last year's taxes for our budget. There is money in the Kern Fund of \$14,966 to be transferred which is intended for budget year 2026/27. We can cover costs for now.
7. **NRCS Report:** Mr Richardson read NRCS report into the record. (see attached)
8. **Staff Report:** Mr. Richardson gave his report. He has received federal approval and has a government card. He has been on field visits with NRCS including Bear Valley Springs 7000 acres for woody residue. He has added volunteer sign up on our website. Nature Conservancy at Bear Mtn Ranch is doing restoration project for blue oak planting and monitoring.
9. **New Business:**
  - a) Director Hammond made a motion for Director Casdorff to get an ATM card for use for RCD. Director Barraclough second. All ayes.
  - b) Calfire grants, next round of Prop 4 funds. Are we interested in this category (fire prevention and education)? RCD will be the fiscal responsibility entity and State has money available. Funding to hire staff to run the grant may be included. Director Hammond made a motion to the Board authorize Director Fulks to due diligence and look into these grants. Director Barraclough second. All ayes.
  - c) We do not need up front money at this time. We can ask CARCD for entire grant amount to keep cash flow going if we get another grant.
  - d) 1% for the Planet. This is a nonprofit from Patagonia so businesses can donate 1% of their gross profits through this program. RCD work qualifies. We can apply to be an organization. We will be the beneficiary. Submit our mission statement. Committee created for this with Director Fulks, Casdorff and Mr. Richardson.
10. **Old Business:**
  - a) **TA 2025 Grant:** No word yet. Mid March
  - b) Director Hammond made a motion to get a RCD credit card with rewards to use for purchases on line. Director Fulks second. All ayes.
  - c) **Plant Sale:** Shopify: Not live yet. Adding new plants and inventory. March 1. Sale is April 25<sup>th</sup>. April 20<sup>th</sup> is delivery of plants. Ordered 1860 plants. Who do we contact at FIELD? Director Barraclough will do this. We have volunteers to help us.
  - d) **College Facilities Agreement:** Not yet available for review.
  - e) **Trees for Schools.** Director Hammond has been communicating with the nursery owner regarding trees for purchase. He wants trees at nursery before we contact schools for date to plant.

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- f) **Logo:** Director Hammond will contact local artist and poster contest winner to see if they can design a logo for the RCD with ag/mountains/oaks,
- g) **Nursery:** Tejon Conservancy is doing volunteer oak plantings. Mr. Richardson and Director Hammond will attend.
- 11. **Board Comments:** Director Barraclough asked if Director Hammond would be willing to present a workshop on how to identify oaks? Director Hammond talked about High Desert meeting and will do a tour at Indian Hills Ranch and maybe lunch there. Date for March 25<sup>th</sup>. Director Casdorff asked Board if they would like to think about doing a 5010-3-c called Friends of the Tehachapi Mountains or something like that. Director Casdorff to research and bring back to Board.
- 12. **Adjourn:** Director Hammond made motion to adjourn. Director Barraclough second. All ayes.  
Adjourned 8:00 pm.