

Alameda County Resource Conservation District
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ACRCD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 25 2025 6:00 p.m.
District Office, 3585 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA

Board of Directors Regular Meeting will be hosted in-person and via Zoom.

In-Person

The Martinelli Center, 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore, CA or

Via Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER and PRELIMINARY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Dir. Sweet at 6:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Karen Sweet, President, Mike Fredrich, Vice President; Brenda Vieux, Treasurer (absent, excused); Katie Connolly; Carol Garberson (zoom); Dick Schneider, Merry Carter

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF

Staff: ACRCD Chief Executive Officer, Marilyn Harvey; Chief Operating Officer, Ian Howell (zoom); NRCS District Conservationist, Veronica Rivera (zoom); NRCS Urban District Conservationist, Annie Edwards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: The Board adopts the Agenda, as moved by Dir. Fredrich and seconded by Dir. Carter.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion: The Board accepts the Minutes of the July 24, 2025, Board Meeting, as moved by Dir. Schneider and seconded by Dir. Garberson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (3-minute limit)

None

NRCS Presentation – Annie Edwards, 7/19 Urban Local Workgroup Meeting - Report

NRCS District Update – NRCS Veronica Riveria – Report on NRCS programs and District updates.

- There are 7 EQIP/14 CSP obligations, \$1.1M, 13,811 acres.
- Next meeting, 5-year summary & LWG feedback @ next meeting
- 2025 application EQIP & CSP 11/21/2025
- Possible government shutdown next week, 295 employees in CA

CONSENT CALENDAR – Items for action without discussion unless requested for separate discussion by a Director of the Alameda County RCD Board or member of the public or staff.

1. Consent Calendar Items:
 - a. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Grant Funding Agreement Amendment 1 with Alameda County Waste Management Authority and the ACRC**D to increase Continued Monitoring at Altamont Property from \$45,000.00 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$85,000.00 and an end date of June 30, 2027. See Project Report.
 - b. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Professional Services Agreement between Contra Costa Resource Conservation District and the ACRC**D for services related to biomonitoring of livestock pond restorations under the Contra Costa RCD Voluntary Local Program for a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000.00 and an end date of December 31, 2025. See Project Report.
 - c. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the

Cooperative Agreement VLP-43 and the ACRCD for inclusion under the Alameda County Voluntary Local Program with an end date of October 10, 2028. Project Report.

- d. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Cooperative Agreement VLP-44 and the ACRC**D for inclusion under the Alameda County Voluntary Local Program with an end date of October 10, 2028. See Project Report.
- e. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Cooperator Assistance Agreement ACCAPP-Don2025ANV** for inclusion under the Alameda County Compost for Agriculture Pilot Program. See Project Report.
- f. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Cooperator Assistance Agreement ACCAPP-Don2025HE** for inclusion under the Alameda County Compost for Agriculture Pilot Program. See Project Report.
- g. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer's execution of **Task Order 5 between the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, contract PRO.0184, and the ACRC**D to support Unique Farmland Easement Planning and Coordination with a not-to-exceed amount of \$38,087.48 and an end date of March 31, 2027. See Project Report.
- h. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer's execution of **Task Order 6 between the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, contract PRO.0184, and the ACRC**D to support Rare Plant Seed Banking with a not-to-exceed amount of \$152,332.30 and an end date of June 30, 2027. See Project Report.
- i. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer's execution of **Task Order 7 between the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, contract PRO.0184, and the ACRC**D to support Pond Turtle Research and East Bay Stewardship Network with a not-to-exceed amount of \$132,536.05 and an end date of December 31, 2027. See Project Report.

Motion: The Board accepts the recommendations and reports presented in the Consent Calendar, as moved by Dir. Fredrich and seconded by Dir. Connolly.

REGULAR CALENDAR

2. Board Committees - Assignments

CONSERVATION UPDATES

3. Conservation Committee Report – No meeting

EDUCATION and OUTREACH COMMITTEE

4. Education and Outreach Committee Meeting – See Report

Motion: The Board accepts the reports of the Education and Outreach Committee meetings held August 19 and September 16, 2025, as moved by Dir. Schneider and seconded by Dir. Connolly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5. Executive Committee Meeting – See Minutes

Motion: The Board accepts the Minutes of the August 8, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting, as moved by Dir. Fredrich and seconded by Dir. Garberson.

6. Executive Committee Meeting – Items for Ratification

- a. The Executive Committee authorizes the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Task Order 3 Revision 1 between the SFPUC, contract PRO.0184, and the ACRC**D to support Pond Restoration Planning with a not-to-exceed amount of \$89,256.50 and an end date of December 31, 2026. See Project Report.
- b. The Executive Committee authorizes the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Professional Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. for work under the SFPUC Task Order 3** with a not-to-exceed amount of \$39,338.00 with an end date of March 31, 2026. See Project Report.
- c. The Executive Committee authorizes the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Professional Services Agreement with Forefront Geotechnical, Inc. for work under SFPUC Task Order 3** with a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,250.00 with an end date of March 31, 2026. See Project Report.

Motion: The Board ratifies the Executive Committee's approval Items 6a – c., as moved by Dir. Fredrich and seconded by Dir. Garberson.

7. Executive Committee Meeting – See Minutes

Board accepts the Minutes of the August 26, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting, as moved by Dir. Fredrich and seconded by Dir. Garberson.

8. Executive Committee Meeting – Items for Ratification

- a. The Executive Committee authorizes the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Weed Management Area grant agreement 25-0494-000-SG from the California Department of Food and Agriculture** with a not-to-exceed amount of \$119,960.32 and an end date of June 30, 2028. See Project Report.
- b. The Executive Committee authorizes the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Professional Services Agreement with County of Alameda Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures and ACRC**D for technical assistance in the implementation of the 2025 Weed Management Area grant agreement 25-0494-000-SG with a not-to-exceed amount of \$63,100.00 and an end date of June 30, 2028. See Project Report.

Motion: The Executive Committee approves Items 8a – b, as moved by Dir. Schneider and seconded by Dir. Connolly.

9. Executive Committee Meeting – See Minutes

Motion: The Board accepts the Minutes of the September 18, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting, as moved by Dir. Schneider and seconded by Dir. Connolly.

10. Executive Committee Meeting – Items for Ratification

- a. The Executive Committee authorizes the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the **Supplemental MOU Addendum 1 between the University of California Berkeley and the ACRC**D to act as fiscal lead applicant on prospective Prop 1 Watershed Restoration Grant (Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife) for the West Oval Glade Bioretention Project. See Project Report.

Motion: The Executive Committee approves Items 10 a, as moved by Dir. Schneider and seconded by Dir. Connolly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

11. Financial Reports – Marilyn Harvey

Motion: The Board accepts the Finance Committee Minutes of July 24, 2025, as moved by Dir. Schneider and seconded by Dir. Fredrich.

Motion: The Board accepts the Financial Reports for July 31, 2025, and August 31, 2025, as moved by Dir. Fredrich and seconded by Dir. Carter.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

12. Board Member Comments and Activities Reports

Dir. Sweet gave an update on Ag Advisory Committee where Sheila Berry gave a presentation on Farm Worker housing

Dir. Schneider reported he attended the Wildlife Crossing Meeting and gave an update on Tesla Park.

Dir. Carter – Nancy hosted Ohlone Aud @ ranch, Irv the bird man/filed trip, transformers learn living skills.

Dir. Garberson – no updates

Dir. Connolly - Tesla/IPM, owl boxes

Dir. Fredrich – no updates

13. Chief Executive Officer Report

Marilyn gave a project update report.

14. Staff Project Updates – See Report

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings - Board and Committee Meetings

October 14	Outreach Meeting 2:30 PM
October 14	Conservation Committee 4:00 PM
October 23	Finance Committee 5:00 PM
October 23	October Board Meeting 6:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Community:

- 9/23 Ag Advisory Committee Meeting, Castro Valley Library 6:00pm-8:30 pm (Marilyn, Karen, Veronica)
- 9/28 World Rivers Day w/CalTrout, BOS D1, EBRPD, CWP in Sunol Regional Park (Jennifer, Sukhnoor)
- 10/3 Cow Palace - Ag Day (NRCS, Aimee)
- 10/4 Living Arroyos volunteer clean-up
- 10/11 Hayward Ag Day (HARD) tabling CWP (Jennifer, Sukhnoor, NRCS)
- 10/18 Living Arroyos volunteer clean-up
- 10/18 Sunol Heritage Festival CWP (Sukhnoor)
- 10/25 Sunol Community Park, CalTrout, Friends of Sunol, CWP (Jennifer)
- 11/1 Center for Food, Faith & Justice – harvest festival tabling (Colleen, NRCS)

ADJOURNMENT at 7:23 p.m.