

Alameda County Resource Conservation District
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ACRCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 22, 2025 6:00 p.m.
District Office, 3585 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA

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

Dir. Fredrich called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF

Staff: ACRCD Chief Executive Officer, Marilyn Harvey; Chief Operating Officer, Ian Howell, Resource Conservationist I; Jennifer Trevis, NRCS District Conservationist, Veronica Rivera

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: The Board adopts the agenda, as moved by Dir. Sweet and seconded by Dir. Schneider.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion: The Board accepts the Minutes of the January 23, 2025, Board Meeting, as moved by Dir. Vieux and seconded by Dir. Sweet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (3-minute limit)

None

Staff Presentation – Ian Howell – ALOSC Rancher Easement Workshops

Ian presented to the Board an update on the ALOSC Rancher Easement Workshops.

NRCS District Update – NRCS Veronica Riveria – Report

Veronica reported that 8 have been selected for EQIP, the focus is now CSP with a deadline of May 30th. Personnel – there are 292 employees in the State, about 75 positions were eliminated to reduce the workforce. The engineering structure has changed, and Katie Bergmann will report to the state engineer.

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 authorizes the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the Amendment #1 to the CDFA-CAPGP Grant Agreement with the ACRCO to extend the term end date from June 30, 2025 to June 14, 2026. See Project Report.
 - b. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the 2025 Urban Farm Conservation Mini-Grant Agreement between the ACRCO and Agreement 2025PF for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 and an end date of February 28, 2026. See Project Report.
 - c. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the 2025 Urban Farm Conservation Mini-Grant Agreement between the ACRCO and Agreement 2025CV for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 and an end date of September 30, 2025. See Project Report.

- d. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the 2025 Urban Farm Conservation Mini-Grant Agreement between the ACRCDC and Agreement 2025O2AA for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 and an end date of September 30, 2025. See Project Report.
- e. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the 2025 Urban Farm Conservation Mini-Grant Agreement between the ACRCDC and Agreement 2025PCG for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 and an end date of September 30, 2025. See Project Report.
- f. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the 2025 Urban Farm Conservation Mini-Grant Agreement between the ACRCDC and Agreement 2025UCCE for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 and an end date of September 30, 2025. See Project Report.
- g. The Board ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's execution of the SFPUC Task Order 4 to support the Prescribed Burn-San Antonio, with the ACRCDC for a not to exceed amount of \$41,887 with an end date of 12/31/27. See Project Report.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

CONSERVATION UPDATES

- 2. Conservation Committee Report – No meeting

EDUCATION and OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- 3. Outreach Committee Meeting Report – See Minutes

Motion: The Board accepts the Education and Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2025, as moved by Dir. Sweet and seconded by Dir. Schneider.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 4. Financial Reports – Marilyn Harvey

Motion: The Board accepts the Financial Reports for March 31, and April 30, 2025, as moved by Dir. Sweet and seconded by Dir. Vieux.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

5. Board Member Comments and Activities Reports

Dir. Vieux – New Director of the Farm at the Fairgrounds is Carissa Rivers, Ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 12th.

Dir. Connolly – Reported that she has been working on the Outreach Plan.

Dir. Schneider

- April attended Central Coast Rangeland Meeting about ground squirrels.
- Farm Bureau – No birds or foul @ the fair this year, online auction 6/6-6/8.
- Altamont \$246,000 grant for ecosystem services to enhance value of conservation easements.

Dir. Fredrich – Back from vacation at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

Dir. Sweet – Reported that she attended the Bay Delta Meeting held earlier this month.

6. Chief Executive Officer Report

Marilyn reported that she attended the Bay Delta Meeting and the majority of staff evaluations have been completed. Project Managers are working on budgeting.

7. Staff Project Updates – See Report

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS

Next Executive Committee Meeting is 6/5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings - Board and Committee Meetings

June 17	Outreach Meeting 2:30 PM
June 17	Conservation Committee 4:00 PM
June 26	Finance Committee 5:00 PM
June 26	June Board Meeting 6:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Community:

- 5/24 Clean Water Program, water testing demo
- 5/27 Producer Resource Fair, Berkeley w/KTA, CAFF, UCCE, SBDC (Colleen, Annie, Cat)
- 6/1 Bird & Butterfly, Coyote Hills (Jennifer, Intern?)
- 6/5-6/7 Turtle Symposium – ACRCO, Bay Area Wildlife Society, EBRPD
- 7/17 ALOSC Conservation Easement Webinar – ACRCO, Calif. Rangeland Trust
- 7/19 Urban Ag Local Workgroup – NRCS, ACRCO, CCRCD

ADJOURNMENT at 7:26 p.m.